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*Suppose it flashes upon you some day * * * the hardships and perils and conflicts of the forefathers—their patient endurance of privations, their brave defiance of dangers, their offerings of treasure and blood made to found, liberate, defend and preserve our country. * * * That thought must kindle the flame of patriotism upon the altar of your heart.*—HENRY VAN DYKE.

Great men there were but there was greatness also in the volunteers of the rank and file, and I for one shall continue to find more incentive to enthusiasm in the recognition of this than in a dozen solitary individuals.—CHARLES COFFIN, American Masters of Sculpture.

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INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS WORTH WHILE? This question, in one form or another, confronts us at every stage of the human career. It gains more and more insistence as the road behind lengthens, and the dreams of youth depart. Fictions lose their power to impose upon us a sense of reality. We demand occupation of mind and heart, worthy the lessening future.

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I think that the legitimate occupation of a real live Daughter of the American Revolution offers one very promising solution of this problem; and I think the mere fact of the production of this book, for which I am asked to write a brief preface, is a proof of the truth of my proposition. There never was anything more worth while than the American Revolution; and there is nothing more worth while than the *realizing* it, in all its unending consequence, and realizing it *all the time*.

The very first step toward this vital individual realizing of this most worth while of all human performances, is the consciousness of our distance from it. How many are there of us, to whom the mention of this matchless performance brings anything more than a big Blur? This immense Blur which is the most the great majority of us have in mind as our acquaintance with the most precious bequest our forefathers made us, is not excusable. We have had time for its study, but we have taken that time for other things; what things, each of us can best enumerate for herself.

Of the cheering fact that some women have changed all that, this book is abundant proof, and the existence of the Society from which it emanates, a still greater one. Here and there, one and another have been realizing the importance to Americans, now and forever, of the American Revolution, and have occupied themselves with the

task of bringing this realization to others. This book makes its contribution toward this end in an especially happy way. We are introduced to a worthy and worth-while woman by the modest name of the Daughter, but when we have met her, we have met her Father, the forefather and the patriot, the man who carried the musket and confronted the red-coat: we have looked down his line, we have seen his beginnings, we have looked at his house and his furniture, and—best of all—we have made acquaintance with his family in the person of his daughter, who, yet among us, bends but not breaks with the weight of her years, and, like her oaken ancestry, "stands stiff as a pillar" in her house of immortal fame. Ave! Ave!

This simple series of sketches, put so modestly before us, carries a freight of rich treasure. Women have a gift, fatal sometimes, of being better than their word: of giving overmeasure; of handing over, along with the husk which was bargained for, the treasure which it conceals. It is so in this case. The "sketch" for which the venerable member of the Connecticut branch of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is *raison d'être*, covers history in details of inestimable value which the world would not willingly let die, yet which it could not come by elsewhere or otherwise. It does more than this: it puts before us a morsel so palatable, so appetite-begetting, that if it be tasted, I venture the prophecy, the hunger it excites will cry for more and more! The reader of the "sketch" will become a student of American History, and will experience a change of occupation, because a change of taste. Mrs. Kinney's "Daughters" have been faithful in the little which shall make them rulers over much. *Facile princeps inter pares.*

Rose E. Cleveland.

Patriots' Daughters in Connecticut Chapters

IN THE ORDER OF

THEIR ADMISSION TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, D. A. R.

	Chapter and Town.	National Number.	Name, Birth and Death Date.	Name of Patriot and his Age at Opening of Revolution.*
1	Norwalk ..... Norwalk.	2480	Juliette Betts ..... b. 1805; d. 1896.	Hezekiah Betts, 15 years.
2	Ruth Wyllys ..... Hartford.	3098	Tirzah M. Parsons ..... b. 1812; d. 1900.	Israel Parsons, 13 years.
3	Mary Clap Wooster..... New Haven.	3379	Emily Louise Gerry ..... b. 1802; d. 1894.	Elbridge Gerry, 31 years.
4	Dorothy Ripley ..... Southport.	4005	Mary Augusta (Hyde) Sherwood b. 1813; d. 1894.	Joseph Hyde, 14 years.
5	Melicent Porter ..... Waterbury.	4393	Rhoda A. Thomson..... b. 1821.	Thaddeus Thomson, 13 years.
6	Ruth Hart ..... Meriden.	4797	Betsey (Parker) Jeralds..... b. 1807; d. 1901.	Stephen Parker, 16 years.
7	Anna Warner Bailey.... Groton and Stonington.	5035	Lucy (Stanton) Wheeler ..... b. 1806; d. 1904.	Edward Stanton, 14 years.
8	Fanny Ledyard..... Mystic.	6459	Nancy Lord (Wheeler) Stanton b. 1811; d. 1896.	Isaac Wheeler, Jr., 7 years.
9	Mary Silliman..... Bridgeport.	6680	Abby Holt ..... b. 1811.	Nathaniel Holt.
10	Katherine Gaylord..... Bristol.	8098	Mary J. Robbins..... b. ——; d. 1901.	Ebenezer Robbins, 17 years.
11	At large	8169	Maria (Sumner) Vinton ..... b. ——; d. 1898.	Benjamin Sumner, 11 years.
12	Lucretia Shaw..... New London.	8666	Caroline (Holt) Clark..... b. 1804; d. 1903.	Ebenezer Holt, Jr., 15 years.
13	Abigail Phelps ..... Simsbury.	8679	Mahala Terry..... b. 1802; d. 1902.	Samuel Terry, 22 years.
14	Anna Warner Bailey.... Groton and Stonington.	8968	Martha Babcock (Noyes) Noyes b. 1806; d. 1900.	Sanford Noyes, 14 years.
15	Lucretia Shaw..... New London.	8975	Charlotte Augusta Burbeck.. b. 1818; d. 1897.	Henry Burbeck, 21 years.

* Many of these patriots enlisted several years after the opening, or near the close of the Revolution.

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16	Anna Warner Bailey.... Groton and Stonington.	9474	Mary (Spicer) Gates ..... b. 1813.	Abel Spicer, 15 years.
17	Anna Warner Bailey.... Groton and Stonington.	9475	Elizabeth (Spicer) Fox..... b. 1820.	Abel Spicer, 15 years.
18	Anna Warner Bailey.... Groton and Stonington.	9481	Rachel (Spicer) Packer ..... b. 1822.	Abel Spicer, 15 years.
19	Anna Warner Bailey.... Groton and Stonington.	9482	Sally M. (Davis) Brayton .... b. 1811; d. 1900.	Samuel Davis, 16 years.
20	Lucretia Shaw..... New London.	9498	Asenath Howe..... b. 1801; d. 1899.	Israel Howe, 16 years.
21	Anne Wood Elderkin... Willimantic.	10301	Angelina (Loring) Avery..... b. 1839.	Solomon Loring, 9 years.
22	Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Windsor.	10359	Anna Maria Benton ..... b. 1797; d. 1898.	Elihu Stanley Benton, 13 years.
23	Ruth Hart..... Meriden.	10911	Mary (Todd) Hall ..... b. 1805; d. 1897.	Thelus Todd, 12 years.
24	Abigail Phelps..... Simsbury.	10962	Rachel Selina (Fowler) Belden b. 1806; d. 1899.	Bildad Fowler, 35 years.
25	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	11366	Abigail (Atwater) Bradley.... b. 1800; d. 1897.	Samuel Atwater, 18 years.
26	Anna Warner Bailey.... Groton and Stonington.	11841	Mary K. Williams ..... b. 1811; d. 1898.	Rufus Williams, 13 years.
27	Mary Wooster..... Danbury.	12242	Lucy Maria Osborne ..... b. 1807.	Levi Osborne, 12 years.
28	Orford Parish..... South Manchester.	12485	Harriet Hollister..... b. 1803; d. 1900.	Josiah Hollister, 19 years.
29	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	12539	Delia C. (Murdock) Dowd... b. 1807; d. 1897.	Peter Murdock, 9 years.
30	Ruth Hart..... Meriden.	12546	Almira (Hunting) Butler..... b. 1806; d. 1897.	Amos Hunting, 12 years.
31	Ruth Hart..... Meriden.	12547	Jemima M. (Doane) Snow.... b. 1810.	Joel Doane, 12 years.
32	Ruth Wyllys ..... Hartford.	13147	Florilla (Swetland) Pierce.... b. 1803.	Benjamin Swetland, 19 years.
33	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	13193	Almira Foster ..... b. 1805; d. 1900.	Abel Foster, 23 years.

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34	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	13195	Ann (Tyler) Beaumont..... b. 1803; d. 1898.	John Tyler, 15 years.
35	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	13196	Maria (Ives) Parker ..... b. 1802; d. 1897.	Ichabod Ives, 16 years.
36	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	13197	Elizabeth (McAlpine) Finch.. b. 1805; d. 1903.	John McAlpine, 11 years.
37	Mary Silliman..... Bridgeport.	13201	Caroline (Pinto) Hubbell .... b. 1819.	William Pinto, 15 years.
38	Wadsworth ..... Middletown.	13205	Mary (McLean) Wyllys..... b. 1804; d. 1904.	James McLean, 20 years
39	Emma Hart Willard .... Berlin.	13216	Emily (Savage) Roys ..... b. 1811; d. 1896.	Selah Savage, 16 years.
40	Sarah Ludlow..... Seymour.	13219	Sarah (Candee) Fairchild ... b. 1807; d. 1899.	Job Candee, 15 years.
41	Mary Silliman..... Bridgeport.	13900	Augusta (Way) Tuller ..... b. 1805; d. 1901.	Isaac Way, 17 years.
42	Lucretia Shaw..... New London.	13917	Harriet (Forsyth) Smith..... b. 1817.	Latham Forsyth, 14 years.
43	Anne Wood Elderkin... Willimantic.	13924	Minerva (Grant) Snow..... b. 1817.	Hamilton Grant, 16 years.
44	Orford Parish..... ... South Manchester.	13925	Mary (Hollister) Pitkin..... b. 1798; d. 1897.	Josiah Hollister, 19 years.
45	Melicent Porter ..... Waterbury.	14725	Maria (Hinman) Pulford..... b. 1807; d. 1897.	Joel Hinman, 27 years.
46	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	14747	Bedotha P. (Button) Curtis .. b. 1810; d. 1899.	Newbury Button, 9 years.
47	Sibbil Dwight Kent..... Suffield.	15473	Anna H. (Burnap) Pierce.... b. 1807; d. 1898.	John Burnap, 13 years.
48	Sibbil Dwight Kent..... Suffield.	15484	Mary E. (Burns) Woodworth b. 1817; d. 1898.	William Burns, 13 years.
49	Dorothy Ripley..... Southport.	16003	Jane (Smith) Eveleth ..... b. 1816; d. 1900.	Benjamin Smith, 10 years.
50	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	16050	Nancy (Cloes) Ray ..... b. 1796; d. 1898.	Charles Cloes, 19 years.
51	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	16051	Esther (Robbins) Tyler ..... b. 1820.	Ebenezer Robbins, 17 years.

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52	Faith Trumbull..... Norwich.	16568	Lydia W. (Moore) Holden ... b. 1818; d. 1900.	David Moore, 23 years.
53	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	16619	Electa A. (Manchester) Van b. 1809; d. 1899. [Vleck	Joseph Manchester, 15 years.
54	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	17419	Mabel (Cooley) Hobart ..... b. 1811; d. 1904.	George Cooley.
55	Sabra Trumbull ..... Rockville.	17428	Amy Strickland..... b. 1800; d. 1897.	Seth Strickland, 17 years.
56	Fanny Ledyard..... Mystic.	19044	Abbyline (Tift) Starr..... b. 1806; d. 1901.	Solomon Tift, 17 years.
57	Elizabeth Porter Putnam Putnam.	19069	Sarah (Anderson) Exton..... b. 1807; d. 1899.	George Anderson, 24 years.
58	Anne Brewster Fanning. Jewett City.	19644	Eunice (Palmer) Davis ..... b. 1819; d. 1900.	Benjamin Palmer, 18 years.
59	Ruth Hart..... Meriden.	19660	Sylvia (Langdon) Dunham ... b. 1800.	Giles Langdon, 12 years.
60	Ruth Wyllys ..... Hartford.	19670	Caroline Foster..... b. 1816.	Asa Foster, 10 years.
61	Hannah Woodruff..... Southington.	20174	Jennette (Carter) Higgins.... b. 1803; d. 1898.	Elihu Carter, 16 years.
62	Hannah Woodruff..... Southington.	20175	Nancy (Root) Potter..... b. 1801; d. 1899.	Josiah Root, 23 years.
63	Hannah Woodruff..... Southington.	20176	Emma (Dutton) Quill ..... b. 1808; d. 1899.	Timothy Dutton, 14 years.
64	Ruth Hart..... Meriden.	20195	Mary Spooner ..... b. 1794; d. 1899.	Micah Spooner, 21 years.
65	Sabra Trumbull ..... Rockville.	20196	Emeline (Noble) Hollister ... b. 1802; d. 1900.	Gideon Noble, 12 years.
66	Dorothy Ripley ..... Southport.	20791	Pamela Banks..... b. 1804; d. 1898.	Nathan Banks, 15 years.
67	Mary Clap Wooster..... New Haven.	20825	Phebe (Kimberly) Castle .... b. 1815.	Ezra Kimberly, 11 years.
68	Mary Clap Wooster..... New Haven.	20828	Lucretia Kimberly ..... b. 1821; d. 1900.	Ezra Kimberly, 11 years.
69	Wadsworth..... Middletown.	21371	Abigail (Foote) Loomis..... b. 1798; d. 1899.	Nathaniel Foote, 33 years.

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70	Green Woods ..... Winsted.	21426	Mary Augusta (Steele) Cleveland b. 1818.	John Steel, 16 years,
71	Dorothy Ripley..... Southport.	21858	Julia (Banks) Wilson..... b. 1807; d. 1900.	Elijah Banks, 13 years.
72	Hannah Woodruff ..... Southington.	21875	Betsey (Payne) Ives ..... b. 1803; d. 1898.	Thomas Payne, 17 years.
73	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	21896	Martha (Abell) Rich..... b. 1806; d. 1902.	Abel Abell, 18 years.
74	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	21901	Caroline (Brockway) Pratt... b. 1815; d. 1900.	John Brockway, 18 years.
75	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	21902	Anne D. (Phillips) Lee ..... b. 1803; d. 1899.	Thompson Phillips, 23 years.
76	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	21905	Phœbe (Rockwell) Gainford.. b. 1805.	Jabez Rockwell, 14 years.
77	Elizabeth Porter Putnam Putnam.	22501	Hepzibah M. (Smith) Rhodes. b. 1810; d. 1898.	Alexander Smith, 13 years.
78	Faith Trumbull..... Norwich.	22504	Caroline (Way) Clarke..... b. ——; d. 1902.	Elisha Way, 18 years.
79	Ruth Hart..... Meriden.	22528	Jerusha L. (Doane) Carter ... b. 1806; d. 1899.	Joel Doane, 12 years.
80	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	22545	Maria (Bronson) Bradley..... b. 1807.	Joseph Bronson, 19 years.
81	Ruth Wyllys ..... Hartford.	23345	Statira (Hodge) Beardslee.... b. 1808; d. 1899.	Philo Hodge, 19 years.
82	Sabra Trumbull ..... Rockville.	23560	Julia (Eddy) Calder ..... b. 1828.	Barnard Eddy, 13 years.
83	Hannah Woodruff ..... Southington.	23649	Lois (Johnson) Upson..... b. 1817; d. 1900.	Levi Johnson, 13 years.
84	Sarah Ludlow..... Seymour.	23676	Augusta (Wooster) Lum ..... b. 1802; d. 1899.	Ephraim Wooster, 11 years.
85	Susan Carrington Clarke Meriden.	23681	Rebecca Osborn ..... b. 1801; d. 1899.	Eliada Osborn, 14 years.
86	Sabra Trumbull ..... Rockville.	23682	Anna P. (Knowlton) Bird.... b. 1812; d. 1901.	William Knowlton, 8 years.
87	Wadsworth..... Middletown.	23689	Mary J. Deming ..... b. 1807; d. 1899.	Edmund Deming, 16 years.

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88	Stamford ..... Stamford.	24472	Nancy Ann (Gifford) Warren b. 1831.	Elisha Gifford, 27 years.
89	Wadsworth..... Middletown.	24473	Emilia Adaline(Clark)Watrous b. 1805; d. 1901.	David Clark, 15 years.
90	Elizabeth Clark Hull ... Ansonia.	24515	Minerva (Blake) Howland ... b. 1804; d. 1900.	Reuben Blake, 10 years.
91	Fanny Ledyard..... Mystic.	24520	Mary Ann Wheeler ..... b. 1820; d. 1903.	Isaac Wheeler, Jr., 7 years.
92	Hannah Woodruff ..... Southington.	24521	Harriet (Reid) Crissey ..... b. 1809.	Asa Reid, 27 years.
93	Orford Parish ..... South Manchester.	25123	Lydia (Alexander) Couch.... b. 1810.	Thomas Alexander, 16 years.
94	Wadsworth ..... Middletown.	25666	Laura A. (Markham) Skinner b. 1813; d. 1902.	John Markham, 19 years.
95	Anne Brewster Fanning Jewett City.	25936	Phebe (Palmer) Ray..... b. 1825.	Benjamin Palmer, 18 years.
96	Sarah Riggs Humphreys Derby.	25985	Eliza (Wheeler) Bailey..... b. 1815; d. 1899.	Hezekiah Wheeler, 31 years.
97	Ruth Hart..... Meriden.	29407	Mary Ann (Lucas) Dart..... b. 1811.	Israel Lucas, 41 years.
98	Norwalk..... Norwalk.	30603	Charlotte (Keeler) Raymond.. b. 1819.	Justus Keeler, 25 years.
99	Elizabeth Porter Putnam Putnam.	36611	Hannah (Green) Robbins .... b. 1808.	Joseph Green, 19 years.
100	Stamford ..... Stamford.	40208	Lucretia (Holly) Town ..... b. 1810; d. 1903.	John Holly, 15 years.
101	Hannah Woodruff ..... Southington.	48316	Emily (Parmele) Collins*.... b. 1814.	James Parmele, 18 years.

* Mrs. Collins' entrance papers were accepted by the National Society in October, 1904. A very interesting biographical sketch was partly prepared late in November from an article on Mrs. Collins which appeared in the Hartford *Times* (Sept. 10, 1904), but was not completed until December 2, too late to be included in this volume, much to the regret of the editor and compilers.

Amid these glories, the heart will thank the prophet [Zechariah] most for his immortal picture of the streets of the New Jerusalem, "Old men and old women sitting in the sun."

*The poor colony of Jerusalem * * * was a rough, hard society, unblessed by the two benedictions of life, childhood and old age. Constant warfare allowed few to reach grey hairs. But all this should be changed. Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts: "Old men and old women shall yet sit in the streets of Jerusalem each with staff in hand for fullness of days; and the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in her streets."*—GEORGE ADAM SMITH.

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FOREWORD

JUST a word is needed in volume second of Chapter Sketches in explanation of its title,—Patriots' Daughters —also called Real Daughters and True Daughters.

The women whose biographies are here presented are the daughters of men who served in the American Revolution and they are honorary members of Connecticut chapters and of the National Society, D. A. R. As a testimonial of this membership the National Society presents to each Real Daughter, all over the country, the highly-prized souvenir gold spoon.

Early in the organization of the Society, it was found that women were still living whose fathers took part in the great struggle for American Independence, and it was considered distinction indeed for any chapter to have one such woman among its membership.

As time went by others were found, until now in Connecticut chapters alone there are one hundred Patriots' Daughters on the rolls. The tabulated list preceding is interesting as showing, by birth dates, the extreme age of these women. Several lived to be over a century old; a few were born in the eighteenth century; the majority were born early in the nineteenth century; several lived to see the twentieth century and are still with us. All are daughters of patriots of the Revolution and thus form the connecting link between that eventful period in American history, which our great order commemorates, and the present, separated by a century and a quarter of time.

Their fathers were born near the middle of the eighteenth century, and the tabular list also shows the extreme youth of these patriots while "in y^{e} service." The reader will not find therefore distinguished records, military or civil, in these sketches, such as are found in volume one, Patron Saints. These patriots at the opening of the Revolution were mere boys, and the parts they played were inconspicuous. But on the stage on which they took their parts a drama was enacted of world-wide interest and import, and the leading rôles were taken by men whose names are immortal.

As the perspective lengthens, therefore, each man's part in the drama, no matter how humble, becomes of more and more importance, and his connection with the events which secured American Independence will have an increasing interest for succeeding generations.

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A nation with our problems needs not only a manhood but a womanhood able to see human needs, to feel human aspirations, even in humble beginnings, to do human deeds for human kind.

What an incentive to the study of history is the thought that here one is studying human life, the struggle of human beings like ourselves for truth and liberty and law, [and] in the pages of American history one sees the working out of Anglo-Saxon ideals—the flower of human effort in all the other nations.—MISS C. E. MASON, from The Churchman, August, 1899.

*The sacred tie of family, which (reaching backward and forward) binds the generations of men together, * * * those significant expressions, Forefather, Posterity, Native Land, all teach us to honor the past, to study the lessons of experience, * * * to scan the high counsels of man in his great associations.*—EDWARD EVERETT.

There is a moral and philosophical respect for ancestors which elevates our character and improves our heart. Next to a sense of religious duty and moral feeling I hardly know what should bear with stronger obligation on a liberal and enlightened mind than a consciousness of alliance with excellence which is departed. —GEORGE FRISBIE HOAR.

Mary Clap Wooster Chapter

NEW HAVEN

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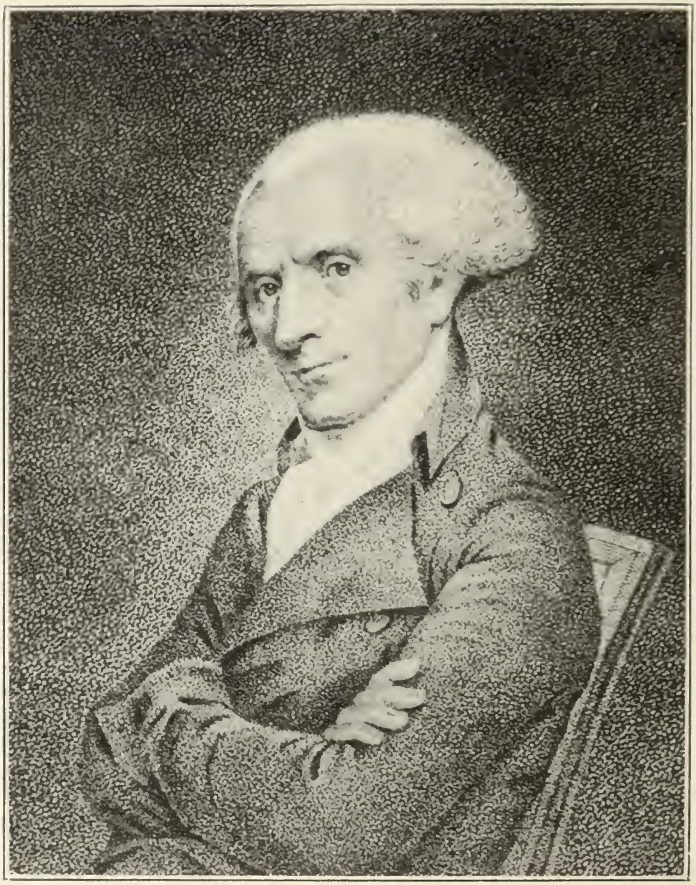

Sincere affectionate friend & pupil
Edgeworth

EMILY LOUISE GERRY

ELBRIDGE GERRY

VICE PRESIDENT, UNITED STATES 1813

"WHEN in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them,"—Thus begins "The unanimous declaration of the thirteen United States of America," in that memorable year, 1776. In their all-embracing thought these words reach far back into the past and stretch prophetically into the future, voicing the never dying longing of humanity for liberty and independence. "And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." Thus ends this remarkable proclamation. Among the fifty-six names pledged to "each other" for its support is that of Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts, father of Emily Louise Gerry, the first Regent of Mary Clap Wooster Chapter.

Elbridge Gerry was born at Marblehead, Mass., July 17, 1744, soon after the arrival of his father, Thomas Gerry, in America. He entered Harvard College while in his fifteenth year and after leaving college engaged in commercial life with his father, who was a prosperous merchant. His active interest in the affairs of the country and his character for probity and judgment gave him prominence among his fellow citizens, and in May, 1772, he was sent from Marblehead as a representative to the General Court of the Province of Massachusetts. At that time the spirit of resistance to the oppressive acts of England was well aroused and Mr. Gerry was appointed

one of the committee of correspondence, whose purpose it was to bind the colonies together for united action in the interests of liberty and patriotic brotherhood.

In 1775, when a new provincial Congress assembled at Cambridge, Mr. Gerry was one of the members, and as the signs of the times betokened a struggle with royal authority and prospects of actual contest became more imminent, the committee of safety, among whom were Mr. Gerry, Colonel Orne and Colonel Hancock, became more watchful of the stores of ammunition lest they should be destroyed by British troops. On the night before the battle of Lexington, April 18, 1775, a detachment of soldiery approached the house where Mr. Gerry and Colonel Orne were sleeping, intending (as stated by Mr. Austin in his history) "to seize the persons of some of the influential members of the Congress and to hold them as hostages for the moderation of their colleagues, or send them to England for trial as traitors." While the officer was posting his men about the house, Mr. Gerry and Colonel Orne divined their intention and, familiar with the premises, escaped to a near-by corn field, where they remained concealed, while the soldiers searched every apartment of the house for "the members of the rebel Congress," with unsuccessful result.

In a letter from Robert Treat Paine to Mr. Gerry, June, 1775, on the need of increasing the manufacture of gunpowder, and in which he commends "your alertness and perseverance in everything you undertake," these are the closing words: "Pray take care of your important health, that you may be able to stand stiff as a pillar in our new government." Mr. Gerry was chairman of the committee to prepare the act to authorize privateering and to establish admiralty courts, a law which John Adams pronounced "one of the most important measures of the Revolution." He was a delegate to the first Continental Congress, February, 1776, and with but few intervals, was a member of that body until 1785, devoting his talents to the higher interests of the new country to which his life, his fortune and sacred honor had been pledged, and in his official duties he well fulfilled that pledge by his integrity, his zeal, his fidelity and fearless patriotism, and his fair-minded statesmanship. In 1785 he retired to private life in Cambridge with his wife, whom he mar-

ried in New York while he was in attendance at Congress; but the exigencies of government again called him into public affairs to revise the federal constitution for the better preservation of the Union, which he had so devotedly striven to organize. Here came a difference of opinion and heated discussion in which he was not in full agreement with his colleagues, but the opposing measures were carried, and when these received the sanction of his country, he cheerfully acquiesced in them, saying as a true patriot, that "the federal constitution having become the supreme law of the land, he conceived the salvation of the country depended on its being carried into effect."

In 1797, during the presidency of John Adams, the commercial relations with France were disturbed and three envoys extraordinary, Mr. Gerry, General Pinckney and Mr. Marshall, were sent to effect, if possible, a pacific arrangement of the trouble. The French Government refused to acknowledge them in their official capacity, and two of them were desired to leave the country; Mr. Gerry alone was permitted to remain, and was invited to resume negotiations, but, with the dignity of his country at stake, he refused to do this, although remaining to guard, as far as possible, the interests of the government. Of this stay, which was censured by some of the officials of the time, President Adams says: "He finally saved the peace of the nation, for he alone discovered and furnished the evidence that 'X. Y. and Z.' were employed by Talleyrand, and he alone brought home the direct, formal, official assurance upon which the subsequent commission proceeded, and peace was made." After his return he was made Governor of Massachusetts, 1805, serving one year, and again in 1810 for two years. In 1813 he was elected Vice President of the United States, James Madison President, and although desirous of the quiet of private life, yet the war cloud had again arisen over the land, and in his letter accepting the nomination, he says: "In a republic, the service of each citizen is due to the state, even in profound peace, and much more so when the nation stands on the threshold of war." On November 14, 1814, while still in the service of his country, fulfilling to the very end that same pledge given thirty-eight years before, his life suddenly ended. He was buried in Washington, and there a grateful nation has erected

a monument to his memory, to mark the spot where he was laid to rest.

The wife of Mr. Gerry was Ann Thompson, daughter of James Thompson, one of the oldest families of New York. She was educated in Dublin, Ireland, and her two brothers were at the same time in Edinburgh University, and afterward entered the British Army, but were never sent to America.

EMILY LOUISE GERRY.

Mrs. Gerry was a woman of cultivation, a favorite in the social circles of New York, of great force of character, gentle and dignified and devoted to the careful training of her children and, though an invalid, assembled them in her room daily to repeat their prayers and to receive from her religious teaching, inspiring them with strong affection and reverence for herself. The devoted tenderness of the four daughters to her in her old age is still remembered by those who knew the family in New Haven.

After 1790 Mr. and Mrs. Gerry made their home in Cambridge, and in the public career of her husband, Mrs. Gerry sustained the demands of official and social life with great acceptance, and to her as well as to her illustrious husband the nation owes a debt of gratitude. A delightful glimpse of the family life is revealed in a letter from Mr. Gerry to James Monroe on affairs of state, 1787, in which Mr. Gerry says: "Your sentiments are perfectly correspondent with my own respecting domestic Happiness; it is the only Happiness in this life which, in my opinion is worth a pursuit. Our little pet is named Catherine, after its Grand Mamma, and is the object of our mutual delight."

Miss Emily Louise Gerry, the youngest of eleven children of Hon. Elbridge Gerry, was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1802. Here she and her sisters, after their primary training, were educated by instructors of Harvard College, who came to their father's house as tutors. The Misses Gerry entered the social life of Cambridge, and at their house the members of the College were entertained once a year, while officials of the Government were frequent guests.

After the death of Vice President Gerry, it was found that the large fortune inherited from his father had been sacrificed for the benefit of his country (for the emoluments of public life were but little during this period), and Mrs. Gerry disposed of their home, and with her family, removed to Boston, where she resided for several years; afterward the family lived in New London, Conn., for a short time, and finally, in 1837, made a permanent home in New Haven, where Miss Gerry lived until her death, December 28, 1894. A quiet, beautiful, family life, without ostentation, rare in its harmony, its intelligence and its culture, was passed, until one by one mother, brothers and sisters were called from earthly life, and Emily Gerry alone was left, the only surviving daughter in the whole land of a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

She was a woman of extensive reading, familiar with the literature of her day, as well as the political affairs of this country, watching its growth and progress with lively interest. A severe illness about 1880 compelled her to relinquish active participation in life's duties, yet she kept in close touch with the outside world, through papers and periodicals. Her garden was an especial attraction to her, for

she was not only a lover of flowers, but a fine botanist, finding great pleasure in the study of botany at a time when the science was quite in its infancy, and the facilities for its pursuit attended with many discouragements.

THE GERRY HOUSE, CORNER TEMPLE AND WALL STREETS, NEW HAVEN.

(Taken down in 1897.)

In her invalid years the culture of flowers was a source of great pleasure to mind and body, and in her rolling chair she was taken daily into her garden, where every plant seemed a personal friend, and the wild plants from the woods responded to her tireless affection. Old-fashioned shrubs were her special love, while the luxuriant roses that clambered over the arbors put forth fresh blossoms seemingly at her touch.

Her loving attachment to the church of her choice, Protestant Episcopal, was never-failing, and her gifts for its work, and to the benevolent societies of the city, were continued to the close of her life in the same generous spirit that characterized all her years. Of a quiet and retiring temperament, only those who knew her best, knew the truly noble depths of her nature, and those who had the privilege of friendship and companionship cannot speak too strongly of her rare qualities of mind and heart. A near neighbor for many years writes, "I have a recollection of Miss Gerry, a very refined old lady, whom I visited occasionally and kept her in mind as one to be remembered with flowers."

Through the long years of paralysis and waning strength, her patience, her fortitude, and her sweet resignation showed no signs of faltering, and her trusted companion through the years of loneliness and illness will remember the quiet, uncomplaining, invalid who passed so gently to the grave.

Her home in New Haven was a fine old-fashioned house, on the corner of Temple and Wall streets, and the "Gerry house" was regarded with interest by nearly two generations of New Haven's citizens. "Life's morning march" has reared a modern house upon the site, but the memory still lingers around the spot and the voice of the past whispers: "That to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Miss Gerry was elected Regent of the Mary Clap Wooster Chapter in 1893, and the Chapter, though deeply regretting her inability to attend the meetings, felt a pardonable pride in having its regency represented by the name that so honorably and so closely associated it with the very days of the Revolutionary struggle—an association without a parallel in the history of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

At the meeting after the death of Miss Gerry the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved:* That Mary Clap Wooster Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution desires to place on record this expression of the deep loss sustained by the Chapter in the death of its honored Regent, Miss Emily Louise Gerry, whose distinguished name will ever remain as a priceless inheritance, and whose gentle virtues live as a fragrant memory in the hearts of its members."

THE ANCESTRAL LINE OF ELBRIDGE GERRY

FROM "FAMILY MEMORIALS," BY EDWARD ELBRIDGE SALISBURY.

1. JOHN ALDWORTH—Ellen of Wantage, Co. Berks,; d. 1525.
2. ROBERT ALDWORTH—Alice Presey (or Pressye).
3. RICHARD (Sir?)———
4. JOHN—Knight.
5. ELIZABETH ALDWORTH—Giles Elbridge of Bristol, Co. Gloucester. Patentee Pemaquid, 1632; d. 1643-44.
6. THOMAS ELBRIDGE—Rebecca. Lord Proprietor of Pemaquid, abt., 1647.
7. ELIZABETH ELBRIDGE—Samuel Russell.
8. REBECCA RUSSELL—Enoch Greenleaf.
9. ELIZABETH GREENLEAF—Thomas Gerry.
10. ELBRIDGE GERRY, b. 1744;—Ann Thompson, daughter of James Thompson; d. 1814.
11. EMILY LOUISE GERRY.

The children of Hon. Elbridge Gerry and Ann his wife, buried in the Old Cemetery in New Haven, Conn., were:

CATHARINE, m. Hon. James T. Austin; d. March 9, 1850, aged 65 years.
THOMAS, d. October 1, 1787, aged 1 year.
ELIZA, m. Major David Townsend; d. May 2, 1882, aged 91 years.
ANN, d. February 16, 1880.
ELBRIDGE, d. May 18, 1867, aged 74.
THOMAS RUSSELL, m. Hannah G. Goelet; d. Oct. 8, 1848, aged 51.
HELEN MARIA, d. August 7, 1864.
CAPT. JAMES THOMPSON, d. Oct. 1854. (Lost at sea.)
ELEANOR STANFORD.
Emily Louise, d. Dec. 29, 1894.

The inscription on Mrs. Gerry's monument is: "Born Aug. 12, 1763; died March 17, 1849, Ann the widow of Elbridge Gerry—Vice President of the U. S. His name is immortalized on the Declaration of his Country's Independence, hers in the transcendent virtues of domestic life. Both are embalmed in the veneration of their children."

Lydia Bolles Newcomb.
(MRS. GEORGE F. NEWCOMB.)

Indebtedness to Miss Annie C. Townsend, a grand-niece of Miss Gerry, and to personal friends of Miss Gerry, is gratefully acknowledged.

The portrait and signature of Elbridge Gerry are from an engraving presented to the Mary Clap Wooster Chapter by the Misses Townsend.

The photograph of the Gerry House was loaned by Mrs. A. G. Kingman.

PHEBE (KIMBERLY) CASTLE

LUCRETIA KIMBERLY

EZRA KIMBERLY—PATRIOT

EZRA KIMBERLY, the father of Phebe and Lucretia Kimberly, was a descendant of Thomas Kimberly, who came from England to New Haven in 1638, and who died in Stratford, Conn., in 1673.

The line of descent is:

THOMAS.
NATHANIEL, d. in West Haven 1705.
NATHANIEL, m. Hannah Downs; d. in West Haven 1720.
NATHANIEL, m. Hannah Candee; d. in West Haven 1780.
ISRAEL, m. Mary Tolles; d. 1768.
EZRA, b. in West Haven, January 18, 1764; d. in Bethany, August 27, 1844.

Israel Kimberly lived in the house in West Haven, still standing on Main street, and here all his children, of whom Ezra was the fifth, were born. Hannah, his youngest daughter, a sister of Ezra, was really the originator of the Connecticut Missionary Society, out of which sprang the American Home Missionary Society. The following extract is from an historical discourse by Rev. Erastus Colton, delivered in West Haven, April 3, 1857:

"A lady of this parish—Miss Hannah Kimberly, having had a few dollars presented to her by her brothers, who were seamen, gave them into the hands of her pastor, Rev. Mr. Williston, with the request that he would apply them for the purpose of supplying those who were destitute of the gospel. Mr. Williston soon after attending the Association mentioned the gift and the object to his brethren, who taking the subject into consideration, formed the Society called the Connecticut Missionary Society."

Miss Hannah Kimberly died December 5, 1854, aged 95 years.

Ezra Kimberly (born in 1764, in West Haven) was very young at the time of the Revolutionary War, and his service was principally as a substitute in the defense of New Haven at the time of Tryon's attack (1779).

When a young man he went to Hamden, near New Haven, where he became a clothier or fuller by trade. After a few years he removed to a farm in Bethany. Here were born the two daughters

THE HOME OF ISRAEL KIMBERLY AND THE BIRTHPLACE OF EZRA KIMBERLY, PATRIOT, WEST HAVEN.

(Now called the Wilmot house.)

who are the subject of this sketch, their mother being Mrs. Lucy (Ball) Beecher, Mr. Kimberly's third wife. They were the youngest of the family of fourteen children, of whom only Mrs. Castle is now living (1904).

Ezra Kimberly m. first, Phebe Bradley, who died in Mt. Carmel, April 7, 1805. Their children were: Cynthia, b. 1783; Morris, b. ———; Roderick, b. 1787; Electa, b. 1789; Mary, b. ——; Ezra, b. April 26, 1793; Sophia, b. ——; Angeline, b. Feb. 12, 1804.

EZRA KIMBERLY m. second, Phebe Bradley, April 27, 1800; she died March 1809. They had one son, George, b. Feb. 10, 1807.

EZRA KIMBERLY m. third, Mrs. Lucy (Ball) Beecher, October 3, 1811; she died Dec. 29, 1871, aged ninety-five years. Their children were: Dewitt, b. Sept. 29, 1812; Charles, b. Jan. 7, 1814; *Phebe*, b. Nov. 24, 1815; Jane, b. May 4, 1817; *Lucretia*, b. March 16, 1821, d. August 10, 1900.

PHEBE (KIMBERLY) CASTLE.

Mr. Kimberly died in Bethany, August 28, 1844, aged eighty-one years.

Mrs. Phebe (Kimberly) Castle, the only child now living (1904) of Ezra Kimberly, was twenty years old when she became self-supporting with her needle, in the town of Derby. Five years afterward she married Dr. Andrew Castle of Woodbridge, whose first wife was her older stepsister. A family of eight children, to whom she

now became the stepmother, as well as aunt, together with the manifold duties of the wife of a country doctor, made Mrs. Castle's life a very busy one. Two sons were born to her and in this family of ten children there were few unoccupied moments for the mother, where all the family stores of food for the long New England winter must be prepared; the beef corned and smoked, the sausage made and the barrel of pork salted, the apples dried, the tallow candles "dipped," and even the crimson dye crushed from the poke berries, that the daughters might have bright ribbons for their adornment. All the garments, from the caps to the stockings, must be fashioned and made in the home, while the occasional visits of the country tailoress made the Sunday suits a possibility and pleasure to the proud owners. The traveling cobbler came for several days at a time, at intervals, and not only made the shoes, but heeled and soled and patched the foot-gear for the whole family. Thus nineteen busy years passed away, when Mrs. Castle was left a widow in 1861. She continued in the old home for two or three years longer, then joined her sister in Westville, a suburb of New Haven.

During the Civil War two of her older sons enlisted; one of them was in the battle of Fredericksburg, and his name was on that ever-silent, mournful list of "missing." For more than thirty years the sisters lived a quiet, contented life in the peaceful village of Westville, becoming members of Mary Clap Wooster Chapter in 1897.

Lucretia Kimberly died August 10, 1900, and Mrs. Castle went to the home of her son* in Waterbury, Conn., where, in leisure and comfort, the years are one by one falling into the past, as the stars fade one by one when the morning dawns.

Lydia Bolles Newcomb.

(MRS. GEORGE F. NEWCOMB.)

* Frank E. Castle, M.D.

Abigail Phelps Chapter

SIMSBURY

Daughters	of	Patriots
RACHEL SELINA (FOWLER) BELDEN		ELISHA FOWLER LIEUTENANT BILDAD FOWLER JOHN FOWLER JOB FOWLER
MAHALA TERRY		CAPTAIN DAVID PHELPS SAMUEL TERRY TIMOTHY TERRY

RACHEL SELINA (FOWLER) BELDEN.

RACHEL SELINA (FOWLER) BELDEN

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

HOPKINS—FOWLER

RACHEL SELINA (FOWLER) BELDEN, daughter of Bildad and Rachel (Hopkins) Fowler, was born in Suffield August 25, 1806. Bildad Fowler, son of John Jun. and Elizabeth Fowler, was born August 10, 1740, in West Springfield, Mass. He enlisted from his native place at the age of thirty-six, together with his brothers John and Job Fowler, and his uncle Elisha Fowler, who was in the battle of Fort Ticonderoga. Bildad Fowler's commission as Lieutenant is still in the possession of his descendants, and his musket was preserved many years, but was finally stolen.

His name appears several times in the Massachusetts war records: first, as Second Lieutenant in a list of militia officers, chosen by the company, April 26, 1776, commissioned in council, April 26, 1776,—Captain Nathan Rowley's (4th) company; Colonel John Moseley's (3d Hampshire Co.) regiment.

Second, with the title of Lieutenant on a return [roll], Captain Reuben Munn's company, Colonel Dike's regiment [which] marched to camp August 22, 1776, dated Dorchester.

Third, with grade of Lieutenant on return [rolls] dated Roxbury, September 17, 1776, and Boston, November 26, 1776, Captain Reuben Munn's company, Colonel Nicholas Dike's regiment, for travel allowance, [his] residence [being given as] West Springfield.

Fourth, with rank of Second Lieutenant on muster and pay rolls, Captain Nathan Rowley's company, Colonel John Moseley's (Hampshire County) regiment which marched to reinforce Northern army, enlisted July 9, 1777, [length of] service one month, nine days.

Fifth, with rank of Lieutenant on muster and pay roll, Captain Levi Ely's company, Colonel John Brown's regiment, enlisted June 30, 1780, discharged October 22, 1780, [length of] service four months. Regiment raised by "the resolve of June 22, 1780" for three months' service."

RACHEL (HOPKINS) FOWLER.
Wife Lieutenant Bildad Fowler.

Lieutenant Bildad Fowler married, first, Mercy Sykes, Aug. 10, 1784, and their children were as follows:

BILDAD, b. April 20, 1785; m. (1) Sarah Norton; (2) Sophronia Metcalf Sessions; d. March 15, 1866.

JULIUS, b. Nov. 6, 1786; m. Ruth Fuller; d. Dec. 11, 1862.

Betsey, b. Aug. 29, 1788; m. Joseph Smith; d. Dec. 30, 1828.
Mary, b. Dec. 26, 1790; m. (——— ———); d. Dec. 20, 1875.
Caroline, b. Oct. 26, 1792; m. William Hills.
Gamaliel, b. Dec. 9, 1796; m. (1) Sally Noble; (2) Elizabeth Humaston; d. July 7, 1865.
Emilla, b. April 25, 1799; m. Jesse Sykes; d. Feb. 20, 1877.

Bildad Fowler's wife, Mercy Sykes Fowler, died April 25, 1800; he married for his second wife, Rachel Hopkins, daughter of Jonathan Hopkins and Rachel Adams (Sykes) Hopkins. Rachel Hopkins was born in Suffield July 9, 1759, and died there Oct. 5, 1855.

Lieutenant Fowler died Nov. 19, 1814, and was buried in the old cemetery at Suffield.

Lieutenant Bildad Fowler, by his second wife, Rachel Hopkins, had one child, Rachel Selina,* born in Suffield, Aug. 25, 1806, who married Horace Belden† of Simsbury, May 12, 1830.

The children of Horace and Rachel Selina (Fowler) Belden were as follows:

Fannie, b. May 17, 1831; m. Daniel Pomeroy of New York, April 27, 1852.
Joseph, b. Oct. 29, 1832; d. July 16, 1862.
Anna, b. July 22, 1840; m. Rev. Allan McLean, a native of Simsbury; d. April 25, 1875 at Nice, France.
Horace, b. March 17, 1845.

Rachel Selina (Fowler) Belden was ninety years of age when admitted to the National Society, D. A. R., Jan. 2, 1896. She was remarkably well preserved and even to her last days retained much personal beauty. Her silvery hair was abundant, her figure erect and her manner graceful and dignified. Mrs. Belden died May 5, 1899, in the ninety-fourth year of her age, and was buried beside her husband in the Simsbury Cemetery.

Nellie Goodrich Eno.
(MRS. GEORGE CHESTER ENO.)

* Mrs. Belden's maternal grandfather, Jonathan Hopkins, also served in the Colonial army.

† Horace Belden was born in Hartford, Conn., Dec. 5, 1794, and died in Simsbury, July 24, 1861.

Authority for above sketch:
Fowler Family Bible.
Suffield Town Records.
West Springfield Records.
Massachusetts War Archives.

MAHALA TERRY

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

PHELPS—TERRY

MAHALA TERRY is a great-granddaughter of Abigail Phelps, for whom the Simsbury Chapter is named. Miss Terry descends from David, the oldest son of Abigail Phelps. She is also a great-great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Wadsworth (a sister of Colonel Wadsworth of Charter Oak fame), and is related to Oliver Ellsworth.

Mahala Terry's grandfather, Captain David Phelps, was commissioned second lieutenant, lieutenant, and captain, and served first under Captain Jonah Gillet of Windsor; second under Colonel Fisher Gay of Farmington, General Wadsworth's Brigade; also in the regiment commanded by his brother, Colonel Noah Phelps.

He saw service at New York, Brooklyn, Long Island and White Plains; and later during the Danbury and New Haven alarms, covering a period of three years.*

Tradition says that her ancestor, the first Terry in this part of the country, was a surveyor, and that the surveyors were paid for their services, by the government, in land, which each was allowed to locate for himself; that Mr. Terry chose a piece of land on the east side of Farmington River, in the town of Simsbury, and that what is now known as Terry's Plain was so called in his honor.

Mahala Terry is the daughter of Samuel Terry, who enlisted from Simsbury in the army of the Revolution in the year 1776, at the age of twenty-three. He served as a private in

Colonel Jonathan Pettibone's regiment
Lieutenant Job Case's company
of the 18th Connecticut Militia.
This company was stationed at New York from
August 24th until September 25th, 1776.

*A more detailed account of Captain David Phelps' service is given in Patron Saints, pp. 245, 246.

Samuel Terry also served (with his brother Timothy Terry) in a company commanded by Captain Job Case which was engaged in the transportation of cannon balls from the iron works at Salis-

MAHALA TERRY.

bury, Conn., to Boston for the use of the army. One of the balls fell from a load near Mr. Terry's home, and is still in the possession of his descendants.

Miss Mahala Terry relates the following incident as told her by her father, which occurred during the disastrous retreat from New York. The command having been given, "every man for himself,"

the soldiers fled in great confusion.* After running some distance Mr. Terry came to a spring of water beside which several soldiers were lying dead, having drunk the ice cold water while overheated from running. A woman from a house near by came bringing a jug of rum for him to drink before taking the water, and having done so he went safely on his journey. (History does not record whether or no he ventured to take *any* of the water!)

Mr. Terry was a great admirer of Washington and was fond of telling the following story, which is one of many illustrating the spirit of the great General. Samuel Terry and other soldiers were repairing the highway, and left one of their implements in the road. An officer passing severely reprimanded the men for obstructing the road. Washington soon appeared, dismounted, removed the obstruction and rode along on his way.

Samuel Terry, son of John Terry and Martha Gridley Terry, his wife, was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, February 28th, 1753, and died July 28th, 1838. He was one of a family of nine children. He married June 15th, 1778, Elizabeth Phelps, daughter of Captain David Phelps of Simsbury and of Abigail Griswold of Windsor, his wife. Elizabeth Phelps was born May 13th, 1759, and died May 9th, 1833. The children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Phelps) Terry were as follows:

Samuel, b. April 6th, 1779; d. January 8th, 1784.
Ira, b. February 13th, 1781; d. April 22d, 1873.
Elizabeth, b. February 2d, 1784; d. March 15th, 1804.
Samuel, b. March 25th, 1787; d. May 20th, 1831.
Laura, b. May 26th, 1790; d. October 24th, 1883.
Orrin, b. April 12th, 1794; m. Sarah Marilla Mills; d. February 6th, 1851.
Roswell, b. February 1st, 1796; m. Emily Gillet of Granby; d. May 1st, 1872.
Electa, b. January 10th, 1799; m. Shubal Hoskins; d. October 4th, 1845.
Mahala, b. July 4th, 1802; d. December 29th, 1902.

Miss Mahala Terry in early life taught school for fourteen successive years. She was ninety-four years of age when admitted to

*John Fiske described the event as follows: "After the loss of Brooklyn Heights, Washington and General Greene were aware that the city [New York] could not be held." * * "Washington went with two New England brigades to hinder the landing of the enemy until Putnam should have time to evacuate the city. To Washington's wrath and disgust these men were seized with a panic and suddenly turned and fled without firing a shot."

the National Society, May 2, 1897, and lived in the Terry homestead until her death. On July 4th, 1902, Miss Terry was one hundred years old, and on that day received visits from the members of the Abigail Phelps Chapter. They carried various gifts, including one hundred roses. Miss Terry was remarkably cheerful, and told many stories of former days, among them one relating to her father. He was once engaged in that frolic of ye olden time known as "Stealing the Bride," and having the fleetest horse in the party, he succeeded in carrying off the bride!

Miss Terry had a good memory and the ability to give a keen and witty answer when occasion required. Although so very aged she always showed an independent spirit, and never allowed anyone to perform a service for her if able to do it for herself. Mahala Terry died December 29, 1902.

Nellie Goodrich Eno.

(MRS. GEORGE CHESTER ENO.)

Authority for above sketch:

Terry Family Bible.

Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution.

REVOLUTIONARY CANNON BALL.

(Property of Mrs. Samuel Terry, Simsbury.)

THE FOREFATHER

Here at the country inn
I lie in my quiet bed,
And the ardent onrush of armies
Throbs and throbs in my head.

Why in this calm, sweet place
Where only silence is heard,
Am I 'ware of the crash of conflict—
Is my blood to battle stirred?

* * * *

Mayhap in the long ago,
My forefather grim and stark
Stood in some hell of carnage
Faced foe-ward, fell in the dark;

* * * *

I cannot rightly tell:
I lie from all stress apart,
And the ardent onrush of armies
Surges hot through my heart.

Richard Burton.

From The New England Magazine.

Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter

WINDSOR

Daughter	of	Patriot
ANNA MARIA BENTON		NATHANIEL STANLEY ELIHU STANLEY BENTON

ANNA MARIA BENTON.

ANNA MARIA BENTON

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

STANLEY—BENTON

ANNA MARIA BENTON, probably the oldest of Connecticut Daughters of Revolutionary soldiers, was born in Windsor, April 15th, 1797. Her father was Elihu Stanley Benton of Windsor. Her mother was Anna (Filley) Benton, also of Windsor. Elihu Stanley Benton was only thirteen years old when the war opened, but he is on record as having served in the Revolutionary army. His mother was Anna (Stanley) Benton, daughter of Nathaniel Stanley, who promptly responded to his country's call in her hour of peril, as a member of the "Lexington Alarm" company (April, 1775).

Nathaniel Stanley also took part in the Ticonderoga expedition, responding to the Connecticut Legislature's first call for troops, in April-May, 1775; he enlisted for eight months' service in

Colonel Samuel Spencer's } Regiment
Colonel Samuel Wyllys' }
Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain
Roger Enos' Company.

This regiment was adopted as Continental in July, 1775.

The Stanley family were among the founders of the Connecticut colony and are identified with its history from the beginning.

Thomas Stanley's (Standly) name is on the list of earliest land owners in Hartford (1639).

His son, Nathaniel Stanley, married (1659) Sarah Boozey, daughter of James Boozey of Wethersfield. They lived in Hartford.

He was an early magistrate of Connecticut, and was one of the men* who, led by Captain James Wadsworth and John Talcott, concealed the charter of 1660 in the now famous oak (1687).

Nathaniel Stanley 2d married (1706) Anna Whiting, daughter of Joseph Whiting and granddaughter of Colonel John Allyn.

Nathaniel Stanley 3d, *the Patriot*, whose response to the Lexington Alarm and whose services at Ticonderoga are above mentioned, was born in 1709, graduated at Yale College in 1726, and married Mary the daughter of Eliakim Marshall of Windsor and a granddaughter of Governor Leete of Guilford.

Their daughter, Anna Stanley, married Thomas Benton of Windsor; their son, Elihu Stanley Benton, *the Patriot*, born December 8, 1762 in Windsor, Conn., died December 13, 1829, in Windsor, Conn., married Anna Filley, of Windsor, Conn. Their children were:

Elizabeth, b. 1787; m. Heber Keep, Feb. 15, 1810, Longmeadow, Mass.; d. 1843; five children.

Fanny, b. Feb. 26, 1789; m. Samuel Bestor of Enfield, Conn., Nov. 23, 1814; d. Jan. 2, 1817.

William Sidney, b. 1790; m. Nov. 4, 1821, Chloe Loomis, Windsor; d. 1865; no children.

Henry, b. 1791; m. Lucy Ann Starr of New London, May 1827; d. 1866.

Theodore Stanley, b. 1794; resided in New York; m. Oct. 2, 1821, Eliza Morgan of New York (a descendant of General Daniel Morgan); d. 1837; seven children.

Elizur, b. 1795; d. 1814.

Anna Maria, b. April 15, 1797; d. May 13, 1898.

Elihu Stanley Benton lived in Windsor in a house (now torn down) which is described by one† of his granddaughters as a great rambling house which seemed like an inn of ye olden time, when coaches on the highway from Hartford to Springfield halted for refreshment for man and beast.

His daughter, the subject of this sketch, remembered a story her father used to tell in the first quarter of the last century, of spies

* See "The Charter of 1660." Published by Case, Lockwood & Brainard, Hartford, 1900.

† Mrs. Horace King, Enfield, Conn. (Anna E. (Benton) King, daughter of Theodore Stanley Benton.)

that were concealed during the Revolution under the old bridge which crossed the Farmington river in Windsor.

Miss Benton lived most of her life in Windsor. At the age of seven, she learned to use the wheel,—but not the wheel of to-day. Young girls then spent their time spinning flax and wool, bleaching the long strips of linen, sprinkling and turning them on the grass,—the work of the younger maidens in the household. Later she learned to weave linen, cotton, and wool. She was interested in the culture of the silkworm, and raised silk worms, spinning the silk and selling it to the milliners, who were good customers,—the shirred silk bonnets being in style at that time.

Miss Benton attended school at the Windsor Academy. Her heart's desire was to be a missionary, and to prepare for the work, she applied herself closely to regular studies during the day, and spent her evenings with her brother studying Latin. At the time Mr. Bingham went to the Sandwich Islands, it made a great impression upon her mind. But a nervous affection of the eyes, causing much pain and suffering, developed, and she was obliged to lay aside all study and reading for nearly seven years. But these were not years of idleness. She was active in church and Sunday school work, soliciting for missionary and benevolent societies. Thus instead of being a foreign missionary, she became truly a home missionary.

At the age of eighteen, she united with the Congregational Church, and her record of attendance for eighty-two years was unbroken, except for a short time spent with her sister, Elizabeth,* in Longmeadow, Mass. Miss Benton was one of the first to be interested in a Sunday school, getting herself the names of those who were willing to join the school, which was organized in 1819, and of which she was one of the teachers for several years. She remained a member of the Sunday school through the "Home Department" as long as she lived.

On April 15th, 1897, she celebrated her one hundredth birthday. The day was a memorable one. Her home was beautifully decorated by kind neighbors and friends with flowers and potted plants. She received her guests to the number of seventy-five, including the

* Mrs. Heber Keep.

members of the Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter, in her usual quiet and happy manner. Her heart was still young, for she always kept in touch with the present. Thus with failing senses but with no word of complaint, she waited in the lengthening shadows for the call of her Master, often saying, "Surely goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life."

Miss Benton lived to see another birthday. Then her strength began to fail, although her mind and memory remained clear. One morning, after a restless night, she conversed intelligently with her grand niece, with whom she lived, but suddenly, without pain or struggle, she peacefully passed away.

Elizabeth Benton Loomis.
(MRS. W. W. LOOMIS.)

The following lines were written (about 1804) by Miss Benton's sister Elizabeth,* then a young girl of seventeen.

Miss Anna Maria Benton, at the age of one hundred years and eight months, repeated the same from memory,—the following being a copy as taken down verbatim by a grand niece:

There is a gentleman in this town (Windsor)
Of great credit and renown,
He has daughters one, two, three,
And I'll describe one unto thee;
She is handsome, straight and pretty,
Also neat and very witty.

* * * *

Her person has so fine a grace
That no one could supply her place,
Unless Diana should appear
With her attendants far and near:
Look ye: kind and gentle swains,
Perhaps this lady's love you'll gain.
Make no delay; I think not best
To let such weighty matters rest!
Perhaps some one has stepped before
And gently knocked at beauty's door;

* Mrs. Heber Keep of Longmeadow.

Methinks I softly hear some say
Young Henry's* stole her heart away.
It's now too late: too late to grieve.
Go, gentle swains, and take your leave.
Whilst on the ocean he is tossed,
In melancholy she is lost.
I wish he would some harbor make,
His cargo sell and wages take,
And when the happy knot is tied,
And Lucy† is his charming bride,
I will come and serve the wine,
And we will have a jolly time.
I wish you would not show, dear friend,
These simple lines that I do send.
My composition is very small,
And as for art, I have none at all.

* Henry Talcott was lost at sea, and never came back to his fair Lucy.
† Lucy Wolcott.

Acknowledgments are due to Mrs. Horace King (Anna E. Benton King) of Enfield, Conn., for important data used in this sketch.

"Groton will ever be memorable as the theater of the most important and interesting military transactions which have taken place in the state. In the early settlement of the country the fate of Connecticut was decided by the sword on Pequot Hill. . . . In the war of the Revolution another of 'the high places' of Groton became an Aceldama and the flower of her sons were sacrificed to the vengeance of an infuriated enemy."

—*Connecticut Historical Collections.*
John Warner Barber.

Anna Warner Bailey Chapter

GROTON AND STONINGTON

Daughters of	Patriots
	CAPTAIN OLIVER SPICER
	CAPTAIN ABEL SPICER
MARY (SPICER) GATES	
ELIZABETH (SPICER) FOX	ABEL SPICER
RACHEL (SPICER) PACKER	
	COLONEL JOSEPH NOYES
	COLONEL THOMAS NOYES
	JOSEPH NOYES
MARTHA BABCOCK (NOYES) NOYES	SANFORD NOYES
SARAH MARIA (DAVIS) BRAYTON	SAMUEL DAVIS
	JOSHUA DAVIS
	DAVID DAVIS
	JONATHAN DAVIS
	DANIEL STANTON
LUCY (STANTON) WHEELER	EDWARD STANTON
MARY KENDRICK WILLIAMS	RUFUS WILLIAMS

MARY (SPICER) GATES

ELIZABETH (SPICER) FOX

RACHEL (SPICER) PACKER

MARY (SPICER) GATES
ELIZABETH (SPICER) FOX
RACHEL (SPICER) PACKER

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—SPICER

ABEL SPICER, son of John and Mercy (Chapman) Spicer, was born at Groton, Conn., June 1, 1760. When sixteen years of age he was drafted for service in the Revolutionary army by William Huntington, Captain of militia in Lebanon, Conn. Upon the payment of ten dollars, a substitute was found, but at the age of eighteen, being again drafted, he entered the service.

In a copy of a document,* which was sent to Washington, D. C., in 1833, with his application for a pension, he describes his various services as follows:

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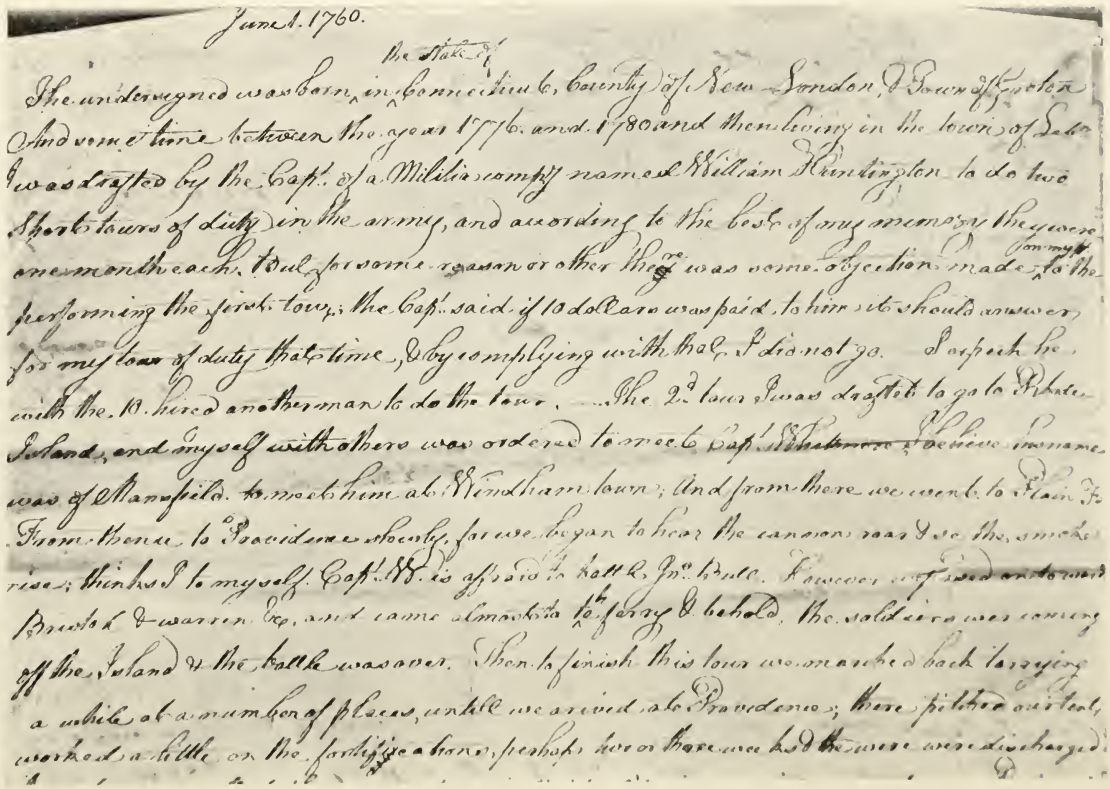
"Not many months after Captain Huntington drafted me again for another short tour. In this town there was generally drafted one from each company. We were drafted to go to Rhode Island, and ordered to meet Captain Whitmore of Mansfield at Windham. From there we went to Plainfield, thence to Providence, slowly. We began to hear the cannons roar, and to see the smoke rise. We passed on to Warwick, Warren, and Bristol, and came almost to the ferry,† and behold the soldiers were coming off the island,‡ and the battle was over. We then marched back to Providence, there pitched our tents, worked a little on the fortifications, and in about two or three weeks were discharged."

The historical account of the siege of Newport when compared with Abel Spicer's account of his Rhode Island tour leads one to believe that he witnessed the retreat of the American Army after

* See Illustration next two pages. † Bristol ferry. ‡ Newport.

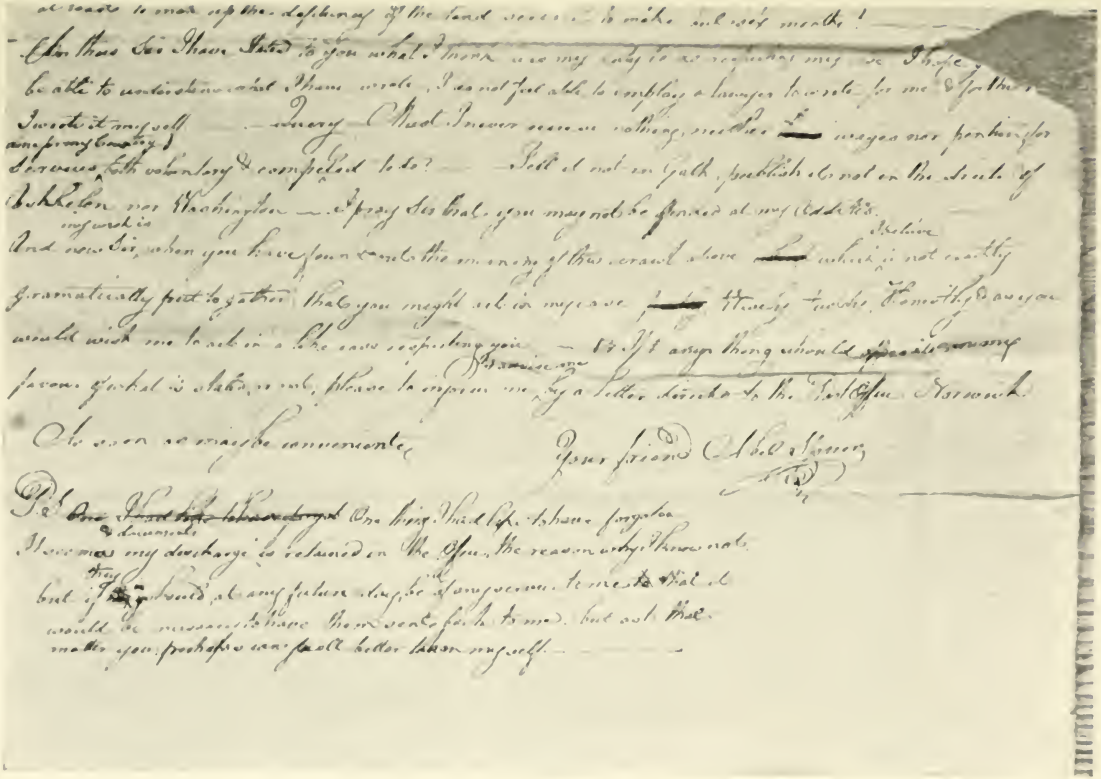


June 1. 1760.

the State of

The undersigned was born in Connecticut County of New London, Town of Lebanon And some time between the year 1776 and 1780 and then living in the town of Leb I was drafted by the Capt. of a Militia company named William Huntington to do two short tours of duty in the army, and according to the best of my memory they were one month each. But for some reason or other there was some objection made to the performing the first tour; the Capt. said if 10 dollars was paid to him he should answer for my tour of duty that time, & by complying with that I did not go. I went the with the 10 hired another man to do the tour. The 2d tour I was drafted to go to Rhode Island, and myself with others was ordered to meet Capt. Whittemore & receive instruc was of Mansfield. to march him ab't Windham town; And from there we went to Plain fi From thence to Providence shortly, for we began to hear the cannons roar & see the smoke rise; thinks I to myself Capt. W. is afraid to battle Gen. Prescott. However we pressed onward Bristol & warren &c. and came almost to Tiverton & beheld the soldiers were coming off the Island & the battle was over. Then to finish this tour we marched back tarrying a while at a number of places, until we arrived at Providence; there pitched our tents worked a little on the fortifications, perhaps two or three days & then were discharged.

A portion of the copy, in his own hand, of Abel Spicer's application for a pension—being an account of his several tours while in Revolutionary service. (Manuscript in the possession of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth (Spicer) Fox, South Woodstock, Conn.



Copy of (closing portion of) Abel Spicer's application for a pension and his signature.

the failure of the operations against Newport, the 29th of August, 1778.

His daughter, Elizabeth (Spicer) Fox, says that her father longed to see a battle and was greatly disappointed when he saw the retreat of the soldiers.

In 1779 he served on board of the Continental frigate *Confederacy*, Captain Seth Hardin. His account of this follows:

"I voluntarily engaged to go on board an armed Bow-galley with twenty-seven or twenty-eight men for a cruise; no time agreed on; but we were out, I believe, about three weeks, and we sailed, and rowed, and dodged about among King George's vessels on the South side of Long Island until we made prizes of two vessels, which had on board twenty-two men, and they fought us under British colors about, I think, three-quarters of an hour."

On July 23, 1780, he enlisted for six months in Colonel Samuel Blatchley Webb's regiment at West Point. He writes:

"In 1780 I 'listed for six months and went with other soldiers from Lebanon to Bolton, Hartford, and Danbury. There we were examined and a number of questions asked us, such as 'Did you 'list'?, 'were you drafted or were you hired?', 'How much do you have for doing this tour?', 'What do you have for pay, wheat, corn, or money?' As to what I had I never received but the ten dollars bounty from the selectmen of the town of Lebanon, paid me by the hand of Captain Huntington after I returned. The old soldiers called us 'Those wheat and corn men.' We marched from Danbury to join the Continental army that was not far from the place where Major André, the spy, was hanged, and from nigh that place I, with others, was sent to West Point. There I stayed awhile and assisted in getting the chain ashore that stretched across the North River to prevent the British from going up the river. We were then sent across the river into the woodland to help the old soldiers build huts to live in through the winter. We, the six-months men, so-called, were told by our officers that as soon as the huts were finished we should be discharged and we soon accomplished the work. On the 14th day of December, 1780, after having faithfully served my time out I was discharged from the service. Our captain, it was said by the soldiers, was a prisoner in possession of the enemy and likewise the chief commander of the regiment."

Abel Spicer failed to obtain the pension for which he applied, as his time of service was found to lack some days of the time required to entitle him to one. He died July 7, 1847.

His uncles, Oliver and Abel Spicer, served during the Revolutionary War. Captain Oliver Spicer* was captain in 1776 in the regiment of Colonel Smith, serving in the campaign around New York.† In one of the New London County books in the town clerk's office at Groton is the record, Dec. 31, 1777, that Captain Oliver Spicer was one of the "Committee appointed to take into consideration the articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union recommended by the Congress of the Thirteen United American States."

In 1780 another minute containing his name is as follows: "appointed Committee to adopt some plan in order to engage the quota of men to be furnished by the town of Groton to send to the Continental Army." Two other entries of 1781 refer to him.

Another uncle, Abel Spicer,‡ was a Captain§

Sixth Regiment, Colonel Samuel Holden Parsons
Abel Spicer (Groton), Captain Tenth Company.
"Raised in the first call for troops in April–May, 1775."

Fourth Battalion, Wadsworth's Brigade, 1776
Colonel Samuel Selden, Hadlyme
Captain Abel Spicer (Groton) Fifth Company.

"Served in New York and Long Island." "Caught in the retreat and panic of September 15, when the city was abandoned." He also served on various committees‖ with his brother Oliver.

Three of Abel Spicer's daughters are honorary members of the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter. They are talented women, and highly esteemed in the communities where they live. Mary Spicer,

* Born May 28, 1726; m. Alathea Allen, Aug. 17, 1749; d. Feb. 11, 1804

† See Pension Office Records, and Conn. Men of the War of the American Revolution.

‡ Born March 9, 1736; married Sarah Allyn, January 11, 1762; died May 3, 1784.

§ Connecticut Men of the American Revolution.

‖ See County Records.

born May 6, 1813; married Noah Gates, December 10, 1848. Her home is in Poquetannock, Conn.

Elizabeth Spicer was born August 6, 1820, and married Findley Morse Fox, February 17, 1846. They had one child, Justina, born October 1, 1847, who died, unmarried, January 13, 1887. Mrs. Fox lives in South Woodstock, Conn.

HORN SNUFF BOX ORNAMENTED IN GOLD RELIEF.

(This ancient Horn Box, owned by Mrs. Mary (Spicer) Gates, is known to have been in the Abel Spicer family over 200 years, and was presented by Mrs. Gates to the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter.)

Rachel Spicer was born September 11, 1822; married Nelson G. Packer July 1, 1875, and resides in Preston, Conn. She recalls that when she was young she often heard her father talk of being in the war and of seeing George Washington.

ABEL SPICER'S ANCESTRY

The Spicers came from Normandy to England with William the Conqueror. The first ancestor of Abel Spicer in New England was

Peter, who came from Virginia to Groton, Connecticut, in 1666. He married Mary Busicott.

Edward Spicer married Katherine Stone.

John Spicer married Mary, dau. Robert and Martha (Tyler) Geer.

John Spicer, Jr., married Mercy, dau. William and Mercy (Stoddard) Chapman.

Abel Spicer married Sarah Park, daughter of Abijah and Elizabeth (Morse) Park, November 13, 1788; she died July 27, 1815. He married Elizabeth Morse April 28, 1816; she died July 27, 1817. On March 18, 1818, he married for his third wife Sarah, daughter of Peleg and Mary Rose; she died May 5, 1874.

Children of Abel Spicer by his first wife Sarah (Park) Spicer:

Sarah, b. Oct. 18, 1789; m. Cyrus Newton, Dec. 1, 1814; d. Aug. 25, 1861.
Peter, b. Dec 7, 1791; m. Mary Park, Oct. 15, 1815; d. June 24, 1873.
Park, b. Feb. 23, 1794; m. Adah Griswold, Oct. 30, 1823; d. Nov. 8, 1879.
Abel Chapman, b. July 20, 1796; m. Lucy Babcock, Dec. 23, 1825; d. Feb. 24, 1859.
Isaac, b. Jan. 7, 1799; m. Francina Chapman, Feb. 25, 1827; d. May 30, 1856.
Daniel, b. Sept. 23, 1801; m. Phoebe Butts, Dec. 18, 1827; d. July 5, 1873.
Hannah, b. Oct. 12, 1804; m. Herbert Spicer, Feb. 7, 1836; d. Sept. 12, 1850.
Eunice, b. Sept. 20, 1808; m. John D. Kingsley, April 23, 1843; d. —— ——
Mary, b. May 6, 1813; m. Noah Gates, Dec. 10, 1848.

Child by second wife, Elizabeth (Morse) Spicer:

Infant Son, b. and d. July 22, 1817.

Children by third wife, Sarah (Rose) Spicer:

Elizabeth, b. Aug. 6, 1820; m. Findley Morse Fox, Feb. 17, 1846.
Rachel, b. Sept. 11, 1822; m. Nelson G. Packer, July 1, 1875.

Anne Meech.

Authorities: Connecticut Men of the American Revolution, pp. 102, 252, 601. Abel Spicer's manuscript in the possession of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Fox.

MARTHA BABCOCK (NOYES) NOYES

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—NOYES

THE family of Martha Babcock (Noyes) Noyes served well the patriot cause, and their genealogy shows distinction in arms and statesmanship and letters.

MARTHA BABCOCK (NOYES) NOYES.

Rev. William Noyes, Rector diocese of Salisbury, England, m. Anne Parker 1595.

James Noyes of Newbury, Mass., m. Sarah, dau. Joseph Brown of Southampton, Eng. in 1634.

Rev. James Noyes, first settled minister in Stonington, and a founder of Yale College, m. Dorothy Stanton, 1674.

Thomas Noyes, Captain Stonington Train Band 1723, m. Elizabeth Sanford (1705).

Elizabeth Sanford* was the daughter of Governor Peleg Sanford of Rhode Island, and the granddaughter of Governor William Coddington of Rhode Island; and the great-granddaughter of Anne Hutchinson of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, who was banished from the Colony in 1637. Anne Hutchinson's mother was a cousin of the poet Dryden.

* Elizabeth Sanford's sister Bridget m. Isaac Wheeler. See sketch of Nancy (Wheeler) Stanton—Mary Ann Wheeler, Fanny Ledyard Chapter.

Colonel Joseph Noyes, m. Barbara (dau. James and Mary (Barker) Wells) (1753).

Sanford Noyes, m. Martha (dau. Hezekiah and Martha (Hoxsie) Babcock) (1800).

Martha Babcock Noyes, m. George W. Noyes.

Colonel Joseph Noyes was the youngest child of Captain Thomas and Elizabeth (Sanford) Noyes, who were married in 1705. He settled at Westerly, Rhode Island, owning Noyes Point, named for him, and other tracts of land. He married Barbara Wells, July 31, 1753.

Their children were:

(Colonel) Thomas, b. Oct. 3, 1754; m. Lydia Rogers; d. Sept. 20, 1819.

Joseph, b. May 9, 1758; m. Elizabeth Babcock, July 13, 1799; d. April 23, 1847.

Sanford, b. Jan. 18, 1761; m. Martha Babcock, daughter of Hezekiah and Martha (Hoxsie) Babcock, Feb. 2, 1800; d. August 8, 1843.

Mary, b. Oct. 9, 1763; m. Thomas Noyes, 1799; d. 1852.

(Dr.) James, b. Feb. 8, 1768; m. 1st, Fanny Wells; 2d, Nancy Wells; 3d, Rebecca Clarke; d. Nov. 6, 1856.

Elizabeth, b. July 31, 1770; d. Sept. 13, 1845; unmarried.

Joshua, b. Dec. 5, 1772; m. Grace Noyes, daughter of Peleg Noyes, May 6, 1810; d. ———.

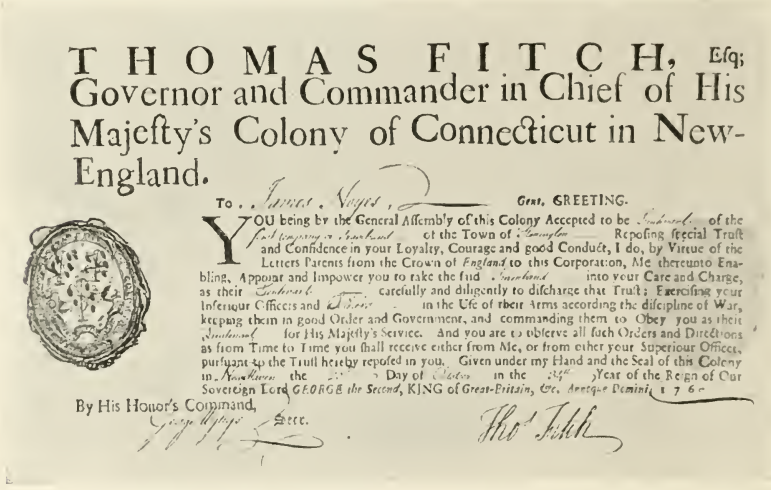
Barker, b. March 3, 1775; m. Margaret Champlin.

In Expectation
of A Joyful Resurrection
to Eternal Life
Here Lyeth Interred ỳ Body
of the Rev'd Mr. James Noyes
Aged 80 Years.
Who after A Faithful Serving
of the Church of Christ
In this Place,
For more then 55 Years
Deceased Dec. ỳ. 30: 17 1/2
Majesty Meekness & Humility
Here Meet in one with greatest Charity

TOMB-STONE OF THE REV. JAMES NOYES (d. 1719),

(Showing the Noyes Coat-of-Arms.) Captain Thomas Noyes (son Rev. James Noyes) had the stone made in England. It is a large flat-stone resting on four stone posts about a foot high over the grave in Wequotiquod burial ground, near Stonington borough.

Colonel Joseph Noyes and his three sons, Thomas,* Joseph and Sanford, served during the Revolutionary War. He was Colonel of the First Rhode Island and Kent County regiment, was in the battle of Rhode Island, and received honorable mention for bravery. In December, 1776, his regiment defended Tower Hill. He was a member of the House of Representatives of Rhode Island in 1776, and voted for the "Act to repeal an Act for the maintenance of the King's Authority in Rhode Island." This occurred



THOMAS FITCH, Esq;
Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Colony of Connecticut in New-England.

To . . James . Noyes , —— Gent. GREETING.

YOU being by the General Assembly of this Colony Accepted to be Lieutenant of the first Company in Stonington of the Town of Stonington Reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct, I do, by Virtue of the Letters Patents from the Crown of England to this Corporation, Me thereunto Enabling, Appoint and Impower you to take the said Stonington into your Care and Charge, as their Lieutenant carefully and diligently to discharge that Trust; Exercising your Inferiour Officers and Soldiers in the Use of their Arms according the discipline of War, keeping them in good Order and Government, and commanding them to Obey you as their Lieutenant for His Majesty's Service. And you are to observe all such Orders and Directions as from Time to Time you shall receive either from Me, or from other your Superiour Officers, pursuant to the Trust hereby reposed in you. Given under my Hand and the Seal of this Colony in New-Haven the 25th Day of October in the 34th Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, KING of Great-Britain, &c. Annoque Domini 1760.

By His Honor's Command,
George Wyllys Secr.

Thos Fitch

COMMISSION TO JAMES NOYES AS LIEUTENANT (DATED 1760).

about four months before the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia. He was deputy from Westerly to the General Assembly in 1776, 1780 and from 1782 to 1787. Colonel Joseph Noyes died March 13, 1802.

Sanford Noyes was born at Westerly, Rhode Island, January 18, 1761. Though only fifteen years old when war was declared, he

* Thomas, son of Colonel Joseph Noyes, was Lieutenant of the 11th Co., Second Regiment, Rhode Island Brigade, Continental Army. He was commissioned August 24, 1776, served in the battles of Long Island, White Plains, Trenton and Valley Forge. He was also First Lieutenant, Rhode Island State Artillery, commissioned May 29, 1777.

was employed to carry despatches between New London and Newport, and was probably in the saddle for long periods of time.

He was, however, a regularly enlisted and trained soldier,* and the fact that his father was in command in this vicinity probably accounts for his being kept out of actual warfare.

He was married February 2, 1800, to Martha Babcock, who was born at Hopkinton, Rhode Island, August 30, 1781.

There is no picture of him extant. As described by his daughter, he was above the medium height, slight of figure, of fair complexion, with brown hair and eyes.

Colonel Joseph Noyes' brother, Captain James Noyes, held office under the colonial government. His two commissions as lieutenant and captain are dated 1760 and 1762.

Captain James Noyes' son, Thomas Noyes, was commissioned a lieutenant in 1784 and a captain in 1787. These four commissions, the former granted by the Connecticut colony, and the latter by the State of Connecticut, are in the possession of Martha Babcock (Noyes) Noyes's daughter.

The children of Sanford Noyes and Martha Babcock Noyes were:

Ann Maria, b. Jan. 6, 1801; m. Capt. Robert Brown; d. Nov. 28, 1889.
Sanford, b. Jan. 9, 1802; m. Eunice Witter, Dec. 19, 1830; d. Sept. 28, 1884.
Lydia Rogers, b. Sept. 1, 1804; m. Dr. Joseph Denison Kenyon; d. March 26, 1895.
Martha Babcock, b. March 11, 1806; m. George Washington Noyes, son of Thomas and Mary Noyes, July 7, 1845; d. July 8, 1900.
Susan, b. Dec. 6, 1808; m. Peleg Kenyon; d. Jan. 1, 1887.
Luke Babcock, b. April 20, 1810; m. Mary Ann Noyes; d. Feb. 18, 1899.
Gideon Hoxsey, b. Oct. 4, 1814; m. Lois Bradford Dickins, May 14, 1855; d. May 14, 1895.
Eliza, twin of above, m. Albert Witter; d. June 3, 1872.

Martha Babcock Noyes, fourth child of Sanford and Martha Noyes, was born in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, March 11, 1806. She married her first cousin, George Washington Noyes, July 7, 1845. Their only child Mary married Orson C. Rogers in 1882. Mrs. Noyes' home was in Westerly, on the Connecticut side, where she died in 1900, aged ninety-four years.

* The authority for his service is found in the Pension Bureau at Washington. His widow drew a pension till her death in 1860.

There were three intermarriages in the Noyes family, making a triple line of descent for its present representative from Captain Thomas Noyes and his wife Elizabeth Sanford, as follows:

Captain Thomas Noyes m. Elizabeth Sanford (1705)

Their 4th child — Their 12th child

Captain James Noyes m. Grace Billings — Colonel Joseph Noyes m. Barbara Wells

Their 4th child — Their 3d child

Thomas Noyes, 2d, m. Mary Noyes — Sanford Noyes m. Martha Babcock

Their 1st child

George Washington Noyes——m.——Martha (Babcock) Noyes

NOYES ANTIQUES: CHAIRS, STANDS, CLOCK.

The Venetian mirror has a glass frame which is very beautiful. On the top of stand is a mahogany framed lanthorn with a candle inside.

The antiques and relics shown in these illustrations are all heirlooms in the possession of Martha Babcock Noyes' daughter.*

* Mrs. Mary (Noyes) Rogers, Westerly, R. I.

Many other valuables were inherited by her in three lines from Captain Thomas Noyes, who married Elizabeth Sanford, 1705, and are still in her possession.

The illustrations show chiefly Revolutionary relics and were the property of Colonel Joseph Noyes, the patriot, and of his daughter Mary, who married her first cousin, Thomas Noyes. One silver spoon belonged to Rev. James and Dorothy (Stanton) Noyes (m. 1674). The silver tankard belonged to Colonel Joseph and Barbara (Wells) Noyes (m. 1753); the tall clock was made by Paul

NOYES HEIRLOOMS: JEWELRY, BUCKLES, SILVER TABLEWARE.

Everything is gold or silver except the necklace and earrings, which are of a mixed metal.

Stillman of Westerly in 1807 for Thomas Noyes 2d, and cost $65.00, probably made to order. The tea caddy and tiny cups are the outgrowth of the tax on tea. The Venetian mirror belonged to Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel Joseph Noyes, and was a gift from a French lady, a friend of the family. Nearly everything else

belonged to Mary and Thomas Noyes, glass, china, jewelry, silver spoons, tongs, stockbuckles and kneebuckles, mirror, chairs, tables, stands. The pewter belonged to James and Grace (Billings) Noyes.

Grace Denison Wheeler.

COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY RELICS—PEWTER, GLASS, CHINA, SILVER.

Heirlooms in the possession of the daughter of Martha Babcock Noyes.

The genealogical data, photographs, and most of the war records in this sketch were furnished by Mrs. Mary (Noyes) Rogers.

Other authorities consulted were:

Wheeler's History of Stonington.
Noyes family papers.
Letter from Mrs. Orson C. Rogers.
Colonial Records of Rhode Island, pp. 315, 458, 514.
Storr's "French Allies."

SARAH MARIA (DAVIS) BRAYTON

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—DAVIS

SARAH MARIA (DAVIS) BRAYTON.

SAMUEL DAVIS was born in North Stonington, February 28, 1759. He was the son of a Quaker, his grandfather being the noted Quaker, Peter Davis, who was born in England in 1680. Notwithstanding the fact of their Quaker ancestry, Samuel Davis and three of his brothers entered the Revolutionary army. He enlisted twice, from the town of Preston as a private under Captain William Belcher in March, 1776, and again in September, 1782.

Fourth Battalion
General Wadsworth's Brigade
Colonel Samuel Selden
Captain William Belcher (Preston), 2d Company
1st Lieutenant Benjamin Brewster
2d Lieutenant Isaac Wheeler Stanton.

He was in the battles of Trenton and Princeton, and saw the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He was also in the battle of Groton Heights, Conn., September 6, 1781. He was never wounded but was somewhat lame from exposure. His widow drew a pension after his death.

He married Lucy Dewey, August 13, 1782, and they were the parents of thirteen children. He died April 11, 1826. His wife was born in North Stonington, May 20, 1765. After the death of Mr. Davis she married again and lived to be nearly ninety-four years old.

Sarah Maria, the youngest child of Samuel and Lucy (Dewey) Davis, was born at North Stonington. She married Atwood R. Brayton and was the mother of eleven children. Mr. Brayton was from Rhode Island, a descendant of Roger Williams in the female line. Mrs. Brayton lived to be eighty-nine years old.

Atwood Randall Brayton, b. Dec. 2, 1806; d. May 22, 1891.
Sarah Maria Davis, b. Jan. 25, 1811; d. Oct. 18, 1900. They were married Oct. 2, 1831. Their children were:

Sarah Ann Brayton, b. Dec. 13, 1832; d. Sept. 29, 1895.
Frances Emmeline Brayton, b. Aug. 26, 1834; d. Oct. 16, 1835.
Atwood Winslow Brayton, b. July 18, 1836.
Frances Almira Brayton, b. Sept. 27, 1838.
Lucy Emmeline Brayton, b. Nov. 11, 1840; d. Aug. 30, 1863.
George Ervine Brayton, b. Mar. 31, 1843.
Harriett Adelaide Brayton, b. July 28, 1845.
Charles Elias Davis Brayton, b. Feb. 21, 1848; d. Jan. 20, 1849.
Charles Edward Brayton, b. Feb. 21, 1850; d. Mar. 2, 1850.
Charles Erskine Brayton, b. Feb. 11, 1851.
Caroline Estelle Brayton, b. Mar. 5, 1854; d. Oct. 14, 1859.

George Ervine Brayton, m. Jan. 10, 1866 Mary Ann Moore (b. Nov. 25, 1843) Their children were:

Charlotte Estelle Brayton, b. Mar. 16, 1871; d. May 1, 1872.
Mary Lillian Brayton, b. July 30, 1872.
Lulu Moore Brayton, b. Aug. 22, 1880.
Sarah Elizabeth Brayton, b. Mar. 29, 1884; d. April 11, 1884.

Grace Denison Wheeler.

Authorities: Denison's *Westerly and its Witnesses.*
Reminiscences of the patriot preserved by family tradition.

LUCY (STANTON) WHEELER

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—STANTON

EDWARD STANTON, one of the twelve children of Daniel and Mary (Eldridge) Stanton (who were married in 1740), was born in Stonington, Conn., June 10, 1761.

LUCY (STANTON) WHEELER.

On the morning of September 6, 1781, he, with his brother Daniel, and others, hastened on horseback over eleven miles to Groton, Conn., to volunteer in the defense of the fort. Daniel Stanton was wounded at Fort Griswold and was one of the wounded men whom the British soldiers in wanton cruelty put into the cart and let it run down the hill. He was left for dead, but crawled out, hid behind some bushes and was finally rescued. Edward Stanton was shot in the left breast, the charge tearing his side and breaking three ribs. As he lay on the ground, an English officer, whose name

he never knew, drew from his pocket a linen nightcap,* and folding it pressed it into the wound, giving him also a drink of water. It is probable that this humane act saved his life.

Thirty-three years later, when the British attacked Stonington, Mr. Stanton hastened to the borough, again as a volunteer, and assisted in driving the enemy off. When President Monroe once visited Stonington, upon being introduced to Mr. Stanton, he said,

BOULDER ERECTED AUGUST 24, 1897, BY THE WILLIAM LATHAM, JR., CHAPTER, C. A. R., TO SERGEANT DANIEL STANTON, PATRIOT (b. 1757).

"Our independence cost us many a hard blow." Laying bare his bosom, drawn with the scar, Mr. Stanton replied, "Here was one of them." He died July 27, 1832.

Lucy (Stanton) Wheeler was born in Stonington, Conn., December 19, 1806. She was the second wife of Mr. Joseph Wheeler,

* The nightcap and the waistcoat, the latter showing the holes made by the shot, have been presented by Mrs. Wheeler to the Hartford Historical Society.

whom she married February 12, 1852. She lived in Saratoga, N. Y., until Mr. Wheeler's death, when she returned to Stonington. She lived afterwards in Old Mystic, and was an honored member of the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter. One nephew, living in California, is the sole descendant of her father's family.

The genealogy of the patriot family Stanton is:

THOMAS, an early settler of Stonington, m. Anna, dau. Thomas and Dorothy Lord.

SAMUEL, b. 1657; m. Borodel, dau. Capt. George and Ann (Borodel) Denison, June 16, 1680.

LIEUT. DANIEL, b. Nov. 4, 1695; m. Mary, dau. Elisha and Mary (Miner) Chesebrough in 1712; d. Jan. 31, 1769.

DANIEL, JR., b. Sept. 4, 1716; m. Mary Eldridge, Oct. 6, 1740; d. Aug. 2, 1791.

Edward, b. June 10, 1761; m. Martha, dau. Joseph and Lucy (Wheeler) Page, Jan. 14, 1798; d. July 27, 1832.

The twelve children of Daniel Stanton, Jr. and Mary (Eldridge) Stanton were:

MARY, b. June 1, 1742; m. Edward Williams 1759.
DANIEL, b. Feb. 12, 1743; d. young.
JAMES, b. Feb. 17, 1745; m. Hannah Alander.
ABIGAIL, b. March 6, 1748; d. young.
DANIEL, b. July 30, 1750; d. young.
PHEBE, b. 1751; d. young.
PHEBE, b. March 9, 1754; d. 1844.
DANIEL, b. Dec. 20, 1757; m. Catherine Page 1781.
ANNA, b. Jan. 5, 1759; m. Wareham Williams.
Edward, b. June 10, 1761; m. Martha Page; d. 1832.
DAVID, b. May 6, 1764; d. young.
LUCY, b. ———; m. Daniel Eldridge, Nov. 12, 1780.

The children of Edward Stanton and of Martha (Page) Stanton:

EDWARD, b. June 10, 1799; d. young.
ELISHA, b. 1800; d. at sixteen years of age.
MARTHA, b. 1801; d. unmarried.
DAVID, b. 1804; m. Mrs. Mary (Whiting) Parks; one son, Daniel C.
Lucy, b. Dec. 19, 1806; m. Joseph Wheeler, Feb. 12, 1852; d. Feb. 21, 1904.
EDWARD, b. 1810; d. 1883, unmarried.

Grace Denison Wheeler.

Authorities: Wheeler's History of Stonington
Allyn's History of the Battle of Groton Heights, p. 264.

MARY KENDRICK WILLIAMS

RUFUS WILLIAMS

IT is asserted that Rufus Williams, at the age of sixteen, witnessed the massacre at Fort Griswold while fighting with others outside the fort. Also, that he was at one time a prisoner on board the "Old Prison Ship." He was a private in Nathan Gallup's Company. He was born November 6, 1762; died May 2, 1831. Ruth Chapman, to whom he was married February 26, 1792, was born May 14, 1773; died December 4, 1812. Their children were:

MARY KENDRICK WILLIAMS.

RUFUS, b. Dec. 31, 1792.
ANNA, b. Dec. 2, 1794.
RALPH, b. Jan. 12, 1797.
BETSEY, b. Mar. 28, 1799.
WHITMAN, b. June 9, 1802.
LUCY, b. Nov. 13, 1807.
Mary Kendrick, b. Sept. 14, 1811, in North Groton (now Ledyard), Conn.

Miss Williams was voted a member of the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter during the summer of 1895, and accepted by the National Society, January 31, 1896. She died May 30, 1898.

Authorities: Chapter Record.
Family Bible once belonging to Anna, eldest daughter of Rufus Williams, now in possession of her daughter, Mrs. Ann M. Vanauken. Family tradition.

The cuts of the portraits in the Anna Warner Bailey sketches were kindly loaned by the American Monthly Magazine.

THE KINNE MEETING HOUSE (1767–1834), GROTON.

"This church was built in Groton in 1767. It was named after its first minister, Rev. Aaron Kinne, and was called the Kinne Meeting House. It was this church that the Patriots of Groton attended and their descendants for many years, and was the church beloved of Anna Warner Bailey.

At the close of the Revolutionary War there was only one male member left, sixty valiant men having laid down their lives for their country."

THE PALMER COAT-OF-ARMS.

Anne Brewster Fanning Chapter

JEWETT CITY

Daughters of Patriots

EUNICE (PALMER) DAVIS
PHOEBE (PALMER) RAY

ASA WOODWORTH
—Grenadier

BENJAMIN PALMER

CUPBOARD IN THE BENJAMIN PALMER HOUSE, PENDLETON HILL, CONN.

(Made about 1780.)

EUNICE (PALMER) DAVIS

PHOEBE (PALMER) RAY

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

WOODWORTH—PALMER

THE ancestors of Benjamin Palmer were among the earliest settlers of New England.

1. Walter Palmer came from Nottinghamshire, England, to Charlestown, Mass., in 1629. After living in several places he finally established his home (1653) in Stonington, Conn., being the fourth white man to bring a family there. He built on the west side of Wequetequock cove. His marriage to his second wife, Rebecca Short, is recorded at Roxbury, Mass., in 1632. He held many public offices.

2. Nehemiah was born November 2, 1637; he married Hannah Lord Stanton, November 20, 1662. She was the daughter of Thomas and Anna Stanton. Anna Stanton was the daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Lord.

3. Lieutenant Joseph was born October 3, 1663; he married November 12, 1687, Frances, the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Jackson) Prentice.

4. Deacon Joseph was born November 14, 1690; he married, April 2, 1711, Mary, the daughter of Gershom Palmer and his wife Ann. Ann Palmer was the daughter of Captain George and Ann (Borodel) Denison.

5. Joseph was born October 30, 1719; he married, November 7, 1741, Catherine Coates. He was drowned off New London, Conn.

6. *Benjamin Palmer*, the Revolutionary soldier, was born in Stonington February 26, 1757.

Benjamin Palmer when twenty-one years old enlisted in the

Connecticut Militia Service of 1778
Colonel Obadiah Johnson's Regiment
Major Hezekiah Huntington
Captain Moses Branch's Company
Corporal Benjamin Palmer.

There were five Connecticut companies in Colonel Johnson's regiment in service in the State of Rhode Island.

CHIMNEY OF THE HOUSE WHERE BENJAMIN PALMER WAS BORN.

Built by his father, Joseph Palmer, about 1740.
On the main road between Voluntown and Westerly. One-half mile from church on Pendleton Hill.

His daughters recall the stories he related to them of the hardships he endured while on guard duty during the cold and rainy winter when he was stationed at Providence. The family tradition that he received a pension during the last ten years of his life is verified by the records. His name is mentioned on the Pension roll as eighty-three years of age in the year 1840. He was a small boy when his father was drowned off New London in 1759. Hence

he early developed self-reliance and practical business ability which enabled him later to accumulate what in those days was even more than a competence. His actual military record in the war is brief. In addition he served the patriot cause by raising and furnishing army supplies. In 1814 he responded to the call to defend Stonington, and, fifty-seven years of age, walked all the way from his home in Voluntown to Stonington.

ANDIRONS, CIDER MUG, SAUCER,* ONCE THE PROPERTY OF BENJAMIN PALMER.

Benjamin Palmer married first his cousin, Freelove Palmer.† She died childless, and he married, second, November 28, 1811, Hannah Woodworth, who was born June 1, 1785.

* This saucer is a family heirloom. It belonged to Abigail (Palmer) Kingsley (whose daughter Elizabeth was the wife of Grenadier Asa Woodworth) and is known to have been in the family as far back as 1740.

† The cupboard (see frontispiece) was made not long after Benjamin Palmer's marriage to Freelove Palmer, probably about 1780. It was taken (in 1898) from the old house in which it always stood to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eunice (Palmer) Davis in Jewett City, and given by Mrs. Davis (in 1900) to her son, F. B. Davis, Esq., Wellesley Hills, Mass. The dishes for the most part belonged to Hannah (Palmer) Stanton, eldest daughter of Benjamin Palmer and Hannah Woodworth, his wife.

Their children were:

Benjamin Woodworth, b. Jan. 25, 1813; m. Betsey Babcock Jan. 1, 1838; d. July 14, 1873.
Amos R., b. March 15, 1815; d. Jan. 13, 1825.
Hannah, b. April 8, 1817; m. Zebulon Stanton, Feb. 23, 1834; d. Feb. 14, 1882.
Eunice, b. May 15, 1819; m. Martin Davis, Feb. 17, 1840; d. April 8, 1900.
Freelove, b. August 3, 1821; m. Thomas Hull, Feb. 24, 1840; d. Feb. 24, 1895.
Phoebe, b. July 5, 1825; m. Henry C. Ray, Oct. 25, 1846.
Courtland, b. March 3, 1828; d. Nov. 19, 1846.

Benjamin Palmer died April 3, 1849. His wife, Hannah (Woodworth) Palmer, died February 28, 1842.

Hannah Woodworth's father, Asa Woodworth, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Connecticut Militia
Twentieth Regiment
Colonel Jedediah Huntington
Colonel Zabdiel Rogers
Lieut.-Col. Joshua Huntington
Major Benajah Leffingwell
Captain Nehemiah Waterman Jun.'s Company
Grenadier Asa Woodworth.

A list of those in Captain Waterman's company who were detailed for special service on September 19, 1782, is on record:* of the eight *grenadiers* named three are Woodworths, Asa Woodworth heading this list of grenadiers.

Benjamin Palmer's children, therefore, inherited patriot blood on both sides. Three daughters lived to see the organization of the National Society of Revolutionary descendants, and two became members of the order.

Eunice, fourth child of Benjamin and Hannah Palmer, was one of the charter members of the Anne Brewster Fanning Chapter, and its first Vice Regent. She was born at Pendleton Hill, Voluntown, Conn., near the Stonington line. She married Martin Davis, February 17, 1840. To them three children were born:

* See Connecticut Men of the Revolution, p. 588.

EMMA ANN, b. May 8, 1841; d. Feb. 26, 1893.
AMOS PALMER, b. March 23, 1843; a resident of Jewett City.
FRANK BIDDLE, b. Sept. 6, 1857; a pen artist in Boston.

Until a short time before her death Mrs. Davis was strong in body and mind, taking an active interest in the domestic affairs of her family. She was one of the oldest members of the Baptist

EUNICE (PALMER) DAVIS.

Church, and was rarely absent from the Sunday service. An active member of the Missionary Society, the King's Daughters, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, she was an example of the ideal Christian. Mrs. Davis died in Jewett City, Conn., April 8, 1900.

Her sister, Mrs. Phoebe (Palmer) Ray of Scotland, Conn., was admitted to the same Chapter in January, 1899. She was born in

PHOEBE (PALMER) RAY.

Voluntown, Conn., July 5, 1825. She married Henry C. Ray, of Norwich, October 25, 1846. Their children were:

HENRY GIDEON, b. Sept. 17, 1847.
PHOEBE ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 31, 1849.
COURTLAND PALMER, b. May 30, 1852.
MARY EMMA, b. Oct. 31, 1854.
LUCY JANE, b. Sept. 28, 1857.
IDA MAY, b. March 21, 1860.
BENJAMIN HERBERT, b. Dec. 30, 1862.

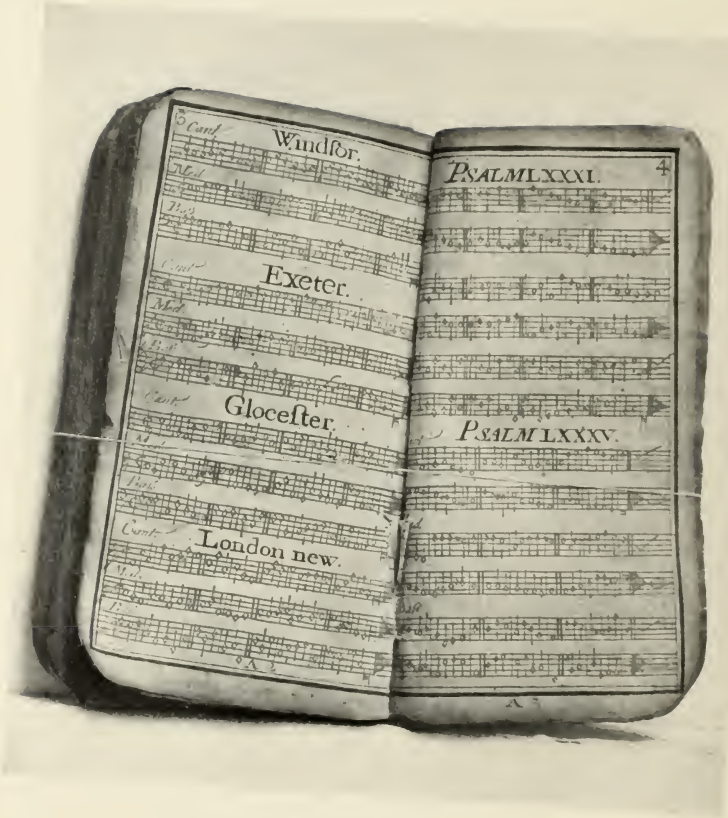
In 1896 Mr. and Mrs. Ray celebrated their golden wedding. Although not robust, Mrs. Ray is quite active, and especially interested in the affairs of her own home, where she and her husband are passing the last years of their life together.

HOME OF PHOEBE (PALMER) RAY, SCOTLAND, CONN.

(On the farm are seven shallow wells, said to have been dug by the French soldiers encamped there during the Revolution.)

Ellen Rigby Davis.
(MRS. FRANK R. DAVIS.)
Marietta S. Geer.

Authorities: Connecticut Men in the War Am. Rev., pp. 527, 657.
Palmer Records, Vol. I. Edited by Noyes F. Palmer, 1881.
History of Stonington, by Richard A. Wheeler.
Letters of Miss Julia Wells Palmer, and others.
Family papers and family tradition.



AZARIAH SAWYER'S HYMN BOOK, 1777.

(Used by him at service one Sunday morning two hours previous to the start on the march to Saratoga.)

Anne Wood Elderkin Chapter

WILLIMANTIC

Daughters	of	Patriots
		AZARIAH SAWYER
ANGELINA (LORING) AVERY		SOLOMON LORING
MINERVA (GRANT) SNOW		HAMILTON GRANT —Drummer

THE HOME OF SOLOMON LORING, LEBANON

ANGELINA (LORING) AVERY

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

SAWYER—LORING

IN 1780, when recruits were greatly needed, Solomon Loring of Hingham, Mass., a boy of fourteen years (born December 28th, 1765), enlisted in the Continental army. He served as aide to Colonel Vost, who was stationed on the Hudson and thus took part in several skirmishes. (He was granted a pension for twenty-four months actual service.)

In his early manhood he removed to Plainfield, Connecticut, and married (in 1787) Susannah Whipple of Plainfield, who died (January 11, 1814) childless, nearly twenty-seven years after their wedding day. In 1814 he married Mira Sawyer, of Windham, and after her death (November 7, 1827), when he was over sixty-three years of age, he married her sister, Angelina Sawyer.

About the beginning of this century, he came to Lebanon and built a house on the northern slope of the hills which overlook "old Windham" and the lovely valleys of the Willimantic and Natchaug rivers.

In this house there occurred, July 16th, 1839, both a birth and a death. The birth was that of Angelina, Solomon Loring's ninth child; the death, that of Angelina Loring, his wife, who gave her life for her babe. Solomon Loring was then seventy-four years old. Since that date no child has been born in the United States to a Revolutionary soldier. Solomon Loring died February 19th, 1842. His daughter Angelina, though but two years and seven months old at that time, retains a distinct memory of her father.

Under the guardianship of an aunt, Angelina grew to womanhood among the Lebanon hills, attending school in Lebanon and in nearby prosperous Willimantic. On July 1st, 1856, she married Elisha B. Avery, and four children have been born to them. The only daugh-

ter, the special light and joy of the home, died October 10th, 1882, aged twenty-one, following a young brother who was "taken home" thirteen years before. At the old homestead, the place of her birth and of her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Avery* and their youngest son are living. Here are preserved family treasures of manuscripts and books, furniture and china.

It was not from her father alone that Mrs. Avery received a heritage of patriotism. Her grandfather, Azariah Sawyer (born September 11, 1755), served during most of the eight years' struggle for freedom and many were the stories told of his courage and daring. He once rescued a woman and child, who were in danger from a party of British soldiers. None of the three was wounded, though bullets fell fast around them. He was one of the prison ship victims at New York. He fought at White Plains and in the two battles at Saratoga. One of Mrs. Avery's treasures is the hymn book which he was using in the Lord's house one Sunday morning in 1777. During the service he heard the drum beating "to arms," and in two hours he started with others on the long march to Saratoga in

The Connecticut Militia of 1777
Colonel Latimer's Regiment
Captain Wales' Company.

The Connecticut militia was sent to re-enforce General Gates, and fought in both battles of Saratoga, September 19 and October 9, 1777. They lost more than any regiment in the field, and after the surrender of Burgoyne, General Gates spoke of them as "the two excellent regiments from Connecticut."

Azariah Sawyer of Windham also saw service at West Point in 1781 under

Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Canfield
Major Hezekiah Huntington (Windham).

* Mrs. Avery became a member of Anne Wood Elderkin Chapter, D. A. R., December 5, 1895, and the following year she was made Honorary Regent. She is the youngest patriot's daughter in the National Society.

THE GRAVES OF AZARIAH SAWYER, HIS WIFE, AND TWO CHILDREN. WINDHAM.

The register of the births, marriages and deaths in Solomon Loring's family is as follows:

Solomon Loring, m. (1) Susannah Whipple, Jan. 28, 1787; (2) Mira Sawyer, March 19, 1814; (3) Angelina Sawyer, March 23, 1828; d. Feb. 19, 1842, aged 76 years.

Angelina Sawyer, b. Jan. 21, 1794; d. July 16, 1839, aged 45 years.

The children of Solomon Loring by his second wife, Mira (Sawyer) Loring, were:

Abner Dunbar, b. May 8, 1815; m. (1) Mary Ann Adams; (2) Harriet A. Moulton; (3) Elizabeth Safford; d. Dec. 26, 1897. They had no children.

Nathaniel Hart, b. Jan. 29, 1818; m. Jane Newcomb; d. Aug. 23, 1848. They had four children.

Susannah, b. April 15, 1821; d. Nov. 1864.

Hannah, b. April 22, 1822; m. Henry Newcomb; d. ———. No children.

Solomon Pitt, b. Aug. 6, 1823; d. April 29, 1824.

The children of Solomon Loring by his third wife, Angelina (Sawyer) Loring:

Harriet, b. Dec. 2, 1828; d. Dec. 25, 1878.

Sally, b. Jan. 2, 1832; m. Nathaniel A. Brown; d. Sept. 5, 1863. They had six children.

Angelina, b. July 16, 1839.

Angelina Loring married Elisha B. Avery July 1, 1856. They had four children, as follows:

Eddie Dwight Avery, b. Oct. 17, 1858; d. Aug. 4, 1869.

Allyn J. Avery, b. Feb. 7, 1860.

Harriet Sawyer Avery, b. May 1, 1861; d. Oct. 10, 1882.

Fred Lester Avery, b. July 9, 1882.

Minnie Pomeroy Cooley.

(MRS. THERON MERRIAM COOLEY.)

MINERVA (GRANT) SNOW

HAMILTON GRANT—PATRIOT

HAMILTON GRANT, the father of Minerva (Grant) Snow, was born in Ashford, Windham Co., Conn., in 1759; died in Mansfield, August 8, 1822, and was buried in Ashford.

He was in Colonel Knowlton's company with General Putnam, at the battle of Bunker Hill, and was wounded, narrowly escaping capture by the British;

Continental Regiments of 1775
Third Regiment, General Israel Putnam
Fifth Company Captain Thomas Knowlton (Ashford).

The next year at the age of seventeen, he enlisted as a drummer in the Brigade which was raised in June, 1776, to reinforce Washington in New York; he was in the engagement at White Plains.

General Wadsworth's Brigade, Sixth Battalion, 1776
Colonel John Chester's Brigade
Adjutant Benjamin Tallmadge
Captain Reuben Marcy's Company
Drummer Hamilton Grant.

His time expired December 25, 1776, when he came home, but soon enlisted again and served through the remaining seven years of the war.

In Colonel Knowlton's account book, now in possession of the Connecticut Historical Society, are the names of the members of his company, and the autograph of Hamilton Grant is said to be as fine as plate work. He was a writer of verse, was called the poet of his regiment, and is said to have been a tall, fine-looking man who, after the war, was lame and taught in the public schools.

Hamilton Grant married, April 11, 1802, Lucy Williams of Groton, who is said to be a descendant of Roger Williams, first settler of Rhode Island. The house which Mr. Grant built, and where he and his family lived, is now standing, and is in a good state of preservation. He was, at one time, a man of considerable wealth, but lost his property in a series of law suits which displayed the stubbornness of his character; he was then obliged to move with his family to Mansfield, Conn., where after a few years he died, leaving a widow twenty years his junior, with eight small children, one having died in childhood. John, born Sept. 2, 1802; Nelson, born March 22, 1804; Nancy, born July 14, 1805; Miranda, Billings and Clarissa, were born in Ashford; *Minerva*, born April 27, 1817; James Munroe and Elizabeth Jane were born in Mansfield.

At the age of twenty-three Minerva Grant was married to George Bartholomew Snow of Willington, Conn. They were the parents of seven children,* six of whom are now living.

People who knew Mrs. Snow in her younger days say that she was possessed of much personal beauty. She was a woman of great vitality and natural ability and spent many active years in the care of her family and in the performance of her domestic duties. Many years ago she became a church member and now belongs to the Baptist Church of Willington, Conn. She has been a widow nearly twenty-five years.

Several years ago she was thrown from a carriage and received a broken hip, and for one of her age made a remarkable recovery. She has had since that accident paralytic shocks, and now in her eighty-seventh year she is almost entirely helpless and talks with difficulty. Her hearing and eyesight are excellent; her memory in

* The children of George Bartholomew Snow and Minerva (Grant) Snow, his wife, are:

Eliza Jane, b. Jan. 31, 1841; m. Charles A. Southworth.
Lucy Ann, b. July 23, 1842; d. ——— ———.
Ellen Adelaide, b. Sept. 9, 1844; m. (1) Carlton Bassett; (2) Delos Conant.
George Winfield, b. April 9, 1849; m. (1) Helen Rider; (2) Fanny Egbertene Vail.
Andrew Wade, b. Oct., 1850; m. Aurilla Parker.
Julia Emma, b. Jan. 29, 1854; m. George Wilson.
Charles Herbert, b. Oct., 1861; m. Margaret Patten.

certain respects is poor and the perceptions slow, but when a decision is reached, it is always a wise one; and she has the happy faculty of looking upon the humorous side of things. Mrs. Snow endures the infirmities of ill-health and old age with patience and cheerfulness and enjoys having her family about her. Mrs. Snow became a member of Anne Wood Elderkin Chapter of Willimantic, June 4th, 1896, and finds much pleasure and interest in this connection with the D. A. R. order.

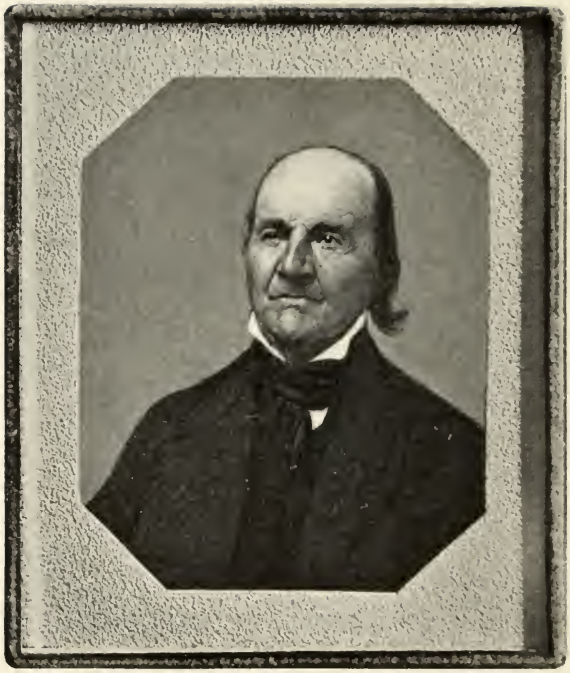
Some years ago she left Willington and came to live with her daughter* in Willimantic, where several children reside.

Fanny Vail Snow.

(MRS. GEO. WISFIELD SNOW.)

* Mrs. C. A. Southworth.

Authority for Revolutionary Records:
Conn. Hist. Coll., vol. viii, p. 15.
Connecticut Men in the Revolution.



JOSEPH HYDE, PATRIOT.

The Dorothy Ripley Chapter

SOUTHPORT

Daughters of	Patriots
	EBENEZER JESSUP —Surgeon
MARY AUGUSTA (HYDE) SHERWOOD	JOSEPH HYDE
JANE (SMITH) EVELETH	BENJAMIN SMITH —Fifer
JULIA (BANKS) WILSON	ELIJAH BANKS
	JOHN BANKS
PAMELA BANKS	NATHAN BANKS

MARY AUGUSTA (HYDE) SHERWOOD.

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REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

JESSUP—HYDE

MARY AUGUSTA (HYDE) SHERWOOD, daughter of Joseph[5] (Joseph[4], John[3], John[2], Humphrey[1]) Hyde and Arete (Jessup) Hyde, was born July 12, 1813, and married in 1837 Captain Edwin Sherwood. Deacon Joseph Hyde (born Jan. 3, 1761; died December 3, 1850), father of Mrs. Sherwood, served nine months in 1777 in the Coast Guard, under Captain Joseph Bennett, and Stephen Wakeman; and also for nine months in the militia under Generals Silliman and Arnold, at the time of Tryon's attack (April, 1777) upon Danbury. He was under arms at Ridgefield, Fairfield, Norwalk and Compo, where he received a bullet in the hip,* which was never removed, and which lamed him for life. He always used two canes.

Mrs. Sherwood's grandfather, Ebenezer Jessup, M.D.[4] (Edward[3], Edward[2], Edward[1]), was born March 4, 1739 (A.B. Yale 1760). He served as ensign in the militia in 1777.†

Colonel Samuel Whiting's Regiment
Fourth Militia
Commanded by Lieut.-Col. Jonathan Dimon
Captain Thomas Nash's Company
Ensign Ebenezer Jessup.

* The above facts are derived from a statement in Deacon Hyde's hand writing sworn to by him, and verified under oath, by a comrade in arms, a statement which has been received as authoritative by both societies, "Sons" and "Daughters" of the American Revolution. There is some reason to believe that Deacon Hyde prepared this paper, with a view to applying for a pension, but later decided not to ask it

† Conn. Men in Revolution, page 518.

He was at Peekskill in October, 1777, and was surgeon with the Continental army at Cherry Valley, N. Y.*

Thus on both sides, Mrs. Sherwood inherited patriotic principles and enthusiasms as well as high moral culture.

The home of Joseph Hyde is in Greens Farms Parish, now Westport, then Fairfield. Mrs. Sherwood was born there. Her grandfather Hyde built it for her father in 1795. In a memorandum of Joseph Hyde, in the possession of his granddaughters, is this entry, "We moved into the new house Dec. 12, 1795." It was Mrs.

THE HOME OF JOSEPH HYDE, PATRIOT.

Sherwood's home till her marriage, and her nieces† now own and occupy it.

Joseph Hyde lived to be nearly ninety years old. He used to drive down to the village of Southport almost daily. He was fond of children. When near the village he would whistle till the children came from far and near, and often he entered the market place, his wagon swarming with little folks, most likely all singing.

Mrs. Sherwood's life was passed within five miles of her birthplace; and its devotion to a lofty ideal found chief manifestation

* Family Documents and Traditions.

† Misses Eleanor and Louisa Hyde.

in "the sweet safe corner by the household fire, behind the heads of children." Yet her sympathies and benefactions were wide; and though there were few "events" in her life, love and tenderness and heroic patience increased with increasing years. When, in 1893, she joined the National Society, she had been for eleven years a prisoner in the room which she left only to enter into the joy of her Lord. She rejoiced greatly in the privilege of joining the Society, and the remaining months of her life were brighter because she was enrolled as a "Real Daughter" of the American Revolution.

Children of Ebenezer Jesup, M.D., and of Eleanor Andrews, his wife (1738-1772):

EBENEZER, bapt. Jan. 1, 1768; m. about 1790, Sarah, dau. of Obadiah and Sarah (Adams) Wright; d. May 5, 1851.

ARETE, b. April 22, 1770; m. Dec. 16, 1790, Joseph Hyde; d. Dec. 24, 1844.

EDWARD, bapt. March 14, 1772; d. in infancy.

Children of Joseph and Arete (Jesup) Hyde:

ARETE, b. Dec. 16, 1791; d. Nov. 25, 1811.

ELEANOR, b. June 17, 1793; d. Aug. 11, 1857.

JOHN, b. Jan. 11, 1795; d. Aug. 9, 1800.

MIRANDA, b. Dec. 8, 1796; d. Dec. 10, 1882.

Rev. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 20, 1798; d. Dec. 24, 1824; Yale, 1820.

EBENEZER, b. July 27, 1800; d. Aug. 12, 1801.

RACHEL, b. June 13, 1802; m. 1825 Ebenezer Andrews; d. Aug. 13, 1881.

EDWARD, b. March 1, 1804; m. Sept., 1826, Sarah, dau. of Jonathan and Sarah (Redfield) Burr; d. May 15, 1887.

WILLIAM SWIFT, b. Nov. 18, 1805; m. Oct., 1836, Adeline Allen; d. in Collins, Ohio, May 5, 1895.

JOHN SHERWOOD, b. July 19, 1807; m. Feb. 21, 1837, Harriet Louisa Adams; d. March 27, 1886.

SAMUEL, b. and d. Feb. 27, 1809.

Mary Augusta, b. July 12, 1813; m. Dec. 12, 1837, Edwin Sherwood, son of William and Abigail (Couch) Sherwood; d. Jan. 5, 1894.

Edwin Sherwood (born February 24, 1805; died September 11, 1886) and Mary Augusta (Hyde) Sherwood, his wife, had two sons who are both living, viz.: Edwin Hyde and Simon Couch Sherwood.

Matilda Meeker (Simpson) Sherwood.

(MRS. SIMON COUCH SHERWOOD.)

BENJAMIN SMITH, PATRIOT, 1765–1863
98 years and 3 months old
(Daguerreotype taken May, 1863)

JANE (SMITH) EVELETH

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BENJAMIN SMITH—PATRIOT

JANE (SMITH) EVELETH was the fourth child of Benjamin Smith and of his second wife, Mary Elizabeth Graves.

Benjamin Smith was born at Needham, Mass., February 18, 1765, and died at Hopkinton, Mass., June 18, 1863. He enlisted in the Revolutionary army, December, 1781, and served two years in a Massachusetts regiment. He was a musician and his fife is preserved among other relics in the State House at Boston—perhaps because it was used for two years by a boy-patriot. Benjamin Smith's military service was with General Washington's army, chiefly on the Hudson River.* His granddaughter† once heard him say that General Washington patted him on the shoulder, saying: "You are very young, but we will have to let you go."

After peace was declared he received from the government ninety-six dollars in Continental money, and, because the funds in the treasury were insufficient to meet all claims, a grant of land in what is now the city of Poughkeepsie was added. Mrs. Eveleth remembered how he and his son Benjamin (a child of the first wife) started in an emigrant wagon for Poughkeepsie, and took up his land, paying for a portion fifty cents per acre, which was called a big price. He returned for his family, but sickness discouraged him, and he never went back to Poughkeepsie.

The picture accompanying this sketch was taken after his ninety-eighth birthday.

Not long before his death, the Tenth Massachusetts Regiment "going to the front" in the Civil War marched by his house, saluting him and receiving his salutation and Godspeed.

* U. S. Pension Records.

† Mrs. Peet, the writer of this sketch

He married first ——— ———. Son Benjamin ———, and perhaps other children.

He married second, Mary Elizabeth Graves.

CHILDREN:

MARY, m. Mr. Wolcott of Providence, R. I. (not living).
SUMNER, m. Mary, daughter of Major Horace Goodwin of Hartford.
Jane, b. Sept. 30, 1816; m. July 16, 1835, in Newton, Mass., Asa Whitcomb Eveleth (July 6, 1812—Jan. 4, 1880).

Four daughters and three sons were born to her. A devoted wife, a loving mother, Mrs. Eveleth's life was passed in quiet, practical Christianity, beloved and honored by all who knew her. Her home, after August 18, 1897, when she fell, breaking both hip and knee, was for two years with her youngest daughter* in Hartford, Conn.

She died September 26, 1900, at the house of her daughter† in Springfield, Mass.

Children of Jane Smith and Asa Whitcomb Eveleth:

PERSIS JANE, b. May 14, 1836; m. Joshua F. Tannatt; d. April 4, 1902.
SARAH ANN, b. May 8, 1838; m. Joseph K. Newell.
MARY ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 20, 1840; m. B. Frank Peet.
JAMES WHITCOMB, b. Nov. 16, 1843; m. Augusta McNeil.
MARION EMILY, b. Feb. 20, 1846; m. Charles R. Salmon.
SUMNER SMITH, b. May 28, 1848; lived sixteen months.
HENRY SMITH, b. April 14, 1853; d. April 16, 1853.

Mary Elizabeth (Eveleth) Peet.
(MRS. B. F. PEET.)

* Mrs. Charles R. Salmon.
† Mrs. B. F. Peet.

JULIA (BANKS) WILSON

ELIJAH BANKS—PATRIOT

JULIA (BANKS) WILSON was the ninth and youngest child of Elijah and Mabel (Ogden) Banks of Greenfield Hill, where she was born January 21, 1807.

On January 1, 1835, she was married to Benjamin Wilson, and ever after lived in the house in which she was born, and which was built for her father, on his marriage in 1784.

Elijah Banks, born August 7, 1762, "served in 1778 for two months on the lines as guard at Horse Neck; and from April, 1779, nine months in Fairfield Coast Guard under Captain Eliphalet Thorp. Also from April, 1781, nine months under Captain Thorp, as guard, patrolling the seashore at Southport Harbor, and Sasco Flats. He died at Fairfield, Conn., March 3, 1816, aged nearly fifty-four years. He was not a pensioner, but his widow applied in November, 1838, and received a pension.* Elijah Banks was married in Fairfield, November 25, 1784, to Mabel Ogden."†

Mrs. Wilson remembered much that her father had told her of the march of the British soldiers, through the country road known as Cross Highway, on the expedition to destroy Danbury. A horse was taken from the farm of her grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Ogden, who lived on this road. Mrs. Ogden herself fled in terror to the house of her brother, Walter Banks—a terror not unfounded, as the soldiers proved themselves most insulting and abusive, destroying property in sheer wantonness.

Mrs. Wilson's mother (Mabel Ogden) long owned a pistol dropped by one of the invaders, which she picked up, as she stole timidly to a neighbor's to borrow some fire, when the "red coats" had passed on. Nor were all the fierce passions on the British side. A man named Finch guided the British soldiers to a ford across

* Conn. Men in the Revolution, page 663.

† True copy of paper from Pension Bureau.

the Saugatuck River; and when his neighbors learned this, in rage at what they deemed treachery, and at the consequent exposure of their homes and families to Hessian brutality, they seized the Tory guide, tied him to a horse's tail, and drove the horse up and down, until their victim was dead.

At one house, the black serving man fled to the barn, and wedged himself under the barn floor until the raiders had gone.

HOME OF ELIJAH BANKS. BUILT IN 1784.
Also birthplace and home of Julia (Banks) Wilson, Greenfield Hill, Town of Fairfield.

At another house, the raiders demanded food. There was necessarily some slight delay in preparing it, and the soldiers seized the clothes which were drying from the weekly wash, laid them on a block, and with an axe chopped them to pieces, as if they had been firewood.

Mrs. Wilson was long a widow—three only of her six children survive her. She was alert and vigorous, her mind cheerful and active, in spite of the burden of years, and the many sorrows which had saddened her heart but not overwhelmed her Christian faith and courage.

After the death of her youngest daughter Julia, Mrs. Wilson removed to Bridgeport and lived with her daughter Mrs. Gregory, until her death on September 28, 1900, aged ninety-three.

To her, as to all Daughters of Patriots, membership in the National Society and the gift of the gold spoon were most gratifying testimony of the esteem in which her father's services were held and of her own relations to the past.

Children of Elijah and Mabel (Ogden) Banks, married November 25, 1784:

Mary, b. June 22, 1786; m. Peter Winton, March 18, 1807; d. Dec. 3, 1846.
Anna, b. Sept. 8, 1787; m. Robert Turney, April 13, 1805; d. May 2, 1865.
Elijah, b. May 11, 1790; m. Sally Coley; d. April, 1840.
Harriet, b. Nov. 15, 1792; m. Walter Perry; d. March 3, 1818.
Samuel Ogden, b. Nov. 7, 1795; m. Mary Banks, June 16, 1825; d. Sept. 12, 1832.
Fixxetta, b. March 28, 1798; m. Sturges Raymond, April 18, 1821; d. Sept. 20, 1873.
William, b. Feb. 6, 1801; m. Harriet Furman; d. Nov. 15, 1845.
Marietta, b. Oct. 26, 1803; m. David Sanford, Oct. 31, 1824; d. Aug. 17, 1836.
Julia, b. Jan. 21, 1807; m. Benjamin Wilson, Jan. 1, 1835; d. Sept. 28, 1900.

Children of Benjamin and Julia (Banks) Wilson:

Mary S. (Wilson) Gregory, b. Nov. 15, 1837.
Eleanor (Wilson) Upson, b. Jan. 8, 1839.
Marvin B. Wilson, b. Jan. 10, 1842; d. Aug. 6, 1894.
Moses A. Wilson, b. Oct. 17, 1843; d. at sea in the service of his country, March 6, 1865.
Julia M. Wilson, b. April 10, 1845; d. Feb. 11, 1898.
Morris L. Wilson, b. April 23, 1847.

Rebekah W. P. Bulkley.

(Mrs. Henry Thorp Bulkley.)

PAMELA BANKS

NATHAN BANKS—PATRIOT

PAMELA, tenth and youngest child of Nathan and Mabel (Bradley) Banks, was born April 4, 1806.

Nathan Banks was born May 6, 1760 and died March 10, 1847 in Fairfield, Conn.; he married April 1, 1781, Mabel Bradley (born December 19, 1762; died June 15, 1858).

In 1775 Nathan Banks served two months in

General Gold Selleck Silliman's Brigade
Lieut.-Colonel Jonathan Dimon's Regiment
Captain Ebenezer Hill,

in place of his brother Aaron, who had married into a Tory family, and whose wife was bitterly opposed to his serving. His company was ordered to New York City, where he remained until his father took his place. In the summer of 1776 he served one month under Colonel Whiting at Stratford, Greens Farms, and Northfield. One of his duties was cutting fascines. In April, 1777, he served eight months in

General Gold Selleck Silliman's Brigade
Colonel Samuel Whiting's Regiment
Captain Eliphalet Thorp's Company,

guarding the sea coast; and in July, 1778, he served one month at Horseneck for his brother Peter, under Captain St. John of New Canaan; also one week when Fairfield and Norwalk were burnt, July, 1779. In April, 1780, he enlisted for twelve months under Sergeant Isaac Jarvis, and was stationed at Fairfield.*

Once during the war he conducted twenty prisoners from Fairfield to Hartford, all parties walking every step of the way.† Miss Pamela remembered her father's story of the march to Hartford.

* U. S. Pension Record.

† History of Fairfield Co., page 308.

A band of about twenty "Red Coats" looted a tavern kept by Moses Ogden, not far from the Banks home. They found rum, sugar and segars in abundance, broke up the sugar barrels, scattering the sugar over the floor and dancing in the barn; then marched toward Wilton, where they were taken prisoners, and put in charge of Nathan Banks, whom they tried to kill in their efforts to escape.

Nathan Banks lived in a house built for him in 1781, by his father, John Banks. "He had a farm of one hundred acres, but not being sufficiently robust to cultivate it himself, he taught a select school for years."

HOME OF NATHAN BANKS, PATRIOT.

House where Pamela Banks was born, lived and died. Built soon after the Revolution. Greenfield Hill, Town of Fairfield.

Children of Nathan and Mabel (Bradley) Banks:

MABEL, b. Oct. 31, 1781; m. 1797 Hezekiah Sherwood; d. 1803
ELI, b. April 19, 1786; d. in infancy.
MEDAD, b. April 27, 1788.
CLARISSA, b. Sept. 6, 1791.
NATHAN, b. Sept. 24, 1793.

Bradley, b. Feb. 11, 1795; m. Jan. 3, 1819, Polly Banks; d. Nov. 27, 1825.
Aaron, b. July 13, 1797; m. (1) Sarah Whitney, (2) Polly A. Sherwood; d. Sept. 13, 1858.
Marilda, b. Nov. 29, 1799.
Betsey, b. June 9, 1801.
Pamela, b. April 4, 1804; d. April 15, 1898.

Aunt Pamela, as she was called, always lived in the house in which she was born, busy with farm life, and devoted to her aged parents. Once only did she go away from home. About 1837, she spent two weeks in New York with a cousin,* and was so homesick that she never wished to go away again.

She remembered the events and people of her youth, and delighted to recount her achievements in spinning and weaving. "Every year," she said, "I spun and wove one hundred yards of linen cloth. It took a whole field to bleach it. Then I made it up into sheets and pillow cases. I have never slept in cotton sheets."

She was admitted to the Greenfield Church in March, 1843, and was its oldest member at the time of her death.

She outlived all of her immediate family, and, infirm and nearly blind, her connection with the local chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was most cheering.

When the gold spoon was presented† to her on December 18, 1897, it was touching to witness her pleasure and gratitude.

She died April 15, 1898, aged ninety-two years.

Rebekah W. P. Bulkley.
(MRS. HENRY THORP BULKLEY.)

* Mrs. Eliza (Sherwood) Beers.
† By Mrs. Edw. Livingston Wells, Regent.

Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter

PUTNAM

Daughters of	Patriots
SARAH (ANDERSON) EXTON	GEORGE ANDERSON —Captain
HEPZIBAH MARIA (SMITH) RHODES	ALEXANDER SMITH
HANNAH (GREEN) ROBBINS	JOSEPH GREEN

CHEST OF DRAWERS.

Owned by George Anderson (Trenton, New Jersey), bearing marks of British bayonets.

SARAH (ANDERSON) EXTON

GEORGE ANDERSON—PATRIOT

AMONG the honored names of historic Trenton (New Jersey) are the names of George Anderson and Sarah Skirm, his wife. George Anderson* was foremost in the ranks of the friends of liberty, and soon after the opening of the Revolutionary War organized, by his own exertions and personal influence, a military company, received a Captain's commission, and joined his fortunes to those of the American colonies. He engaged in the battle of Long Island and also performed much dangerous and arduous duty elsewhere, following the standard of freedom throughout the long and doubtful struggle, only sheathing his sword when victory was achieved and liberty and peace assured. In recognition of these patriotic services, his name is on the pension rolls of his country.

During his absence from home, his family were often annoyed by visits from British soldiers seeking plunder. There remains in their possession a piece of furniture bearing marks of bayonets made as the locks resisted the hurried search for valuables.

Eight children were born to George Anderson and his wife, as follows:

ANN MARIA, m. Elijah Hutchinson.
AARON, m. Mary Evans.
NATHAN, m. Abigail Childs.
MARY, m. Samuel Evans.
JAMES, m. Thirza Allen.
ELEANOR, m. William Allen.
MATILDA, m. Hugh Capner.
Sarah Ann, b. Feb. 6, 1807; m. Thomas Exton, of Clinton, N. J., Feb. 3, 1830. He died in 1857.

* Born 1751, died Nov. 8, 1839.

Eight children were born to Thomas Exton and Sarah (Anderson) Exton, his wife, as follows:

George Anderson, b. March 1, 1831; m. Sallie Brearley.
Mary Capner, b. Feb. 18, 1833; m. Edgar Clarke.
Sarah Skirm, b. June 21, 1835; m. Benjamin Baker.
Eleanor Allen, b. Nov. 3, 1837; m. Seth Stoddard; d. ———.
Ann Maria, b. Dec. 15, 1839; m. Landon R. Goodwin.
Lewis Anderson, b. May 27, 1842; m. Christianna Bird.
James Anderson, b. Nov. 8, 1844; m. Maria Van Pelt.
Harriet Provost, b. July 5, 1847; m. John E. Comins.

SARAH (ANDERSON) EXTON.

Mrs. Sarah (Anderson) Exton became a member of the National Society in 1897 and a charter member, aged ninety years, of the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, and their first "Real Daughter." Her daughter and granddaughter are also charter members of the same chapter. She received the gold spoon of the Society with marked pleasure and cherished it until her death, which occurred at the home of her daughter in Arlington, New Jersey, July 10, 1899. At this time her whole family of eight children were living.

HEPZIBAH MARIA (SMITH) RHODES

ALEXANDER SMITH—PATRIOT

THE second "Real Daughter," and a charter member of the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter, is Hepzibah Maria (Smith) Rhodes. She was the youngest of twelve children born in Sutton, Mass., July 31, 1810, to Alexander and Hepzibah (Hobbs) Smith. Her father, Alexander Smith, was born February 14, 1762, in East Sudbury, Mass., and though but a youth, served in the American army with numerous others from Middlesex County, Mass. His record is unmarked by particular incident and no family traditions exist; but his services received due acknowledgment, for his name is found upon the pension rolls of his liberated country. The date of his death, which occurred at Grafton, Mass., is unknown.

His daughter, Hepzibah, orphaned at an early age, was married in 1831 to George B. Rhodes of Thompson, Conn., where she resided for fifty-six years. To them was born one daughter, Georgianna.* The date of her husband's death is not definitely known. In 1833 Mrs. Rhodes was married to Horatio Nelson Rhodes, a brother of her first husband. Eleven children were born to them as follows: Joseph C., Sally A., Franklin H., James S., Charles N., Fannie M., Henry E., Ellen L., Abbie J., Emma, and Julia E.

The last eleven years of her life Mrs. Rhodes spent with her daughter Julia,† in Haverhill, Mass. She was a church member for more than sixty years; her death occurred on April 11, 1898, in her eighty-eighth year; she is survived by ten children.

* Mrs. Allen Bixby.

† Mrs. A. A. West.

HANNAH (GREEN) ROBBINS

JOSEPH GREEN—PATRIOT

HANNAH (GREEN) ROBBINS was born January 2, 1808, and is the third, and the only surviving "Real Daughter," whom the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter has had the honor to enroll among its membership. Her father was Joseph Green, one of the eight sons of Timothy Green and Annie (Gallup) Green, his wife. Joseph Green was born in Thompson, Conn., February 2, 1756. Left fatherless at four years of age, he went to live with his uncle Amos, of whom local history (Miss Larned's History of Windham County) relates that "with his father Harry Green and other brothers, he [Amos] owned and operated several saw-mills and built the first churches and school houses erected in his native town." Joseph Green engaged in this work until his enlistment into the Continental army in his twentieth year. Little is known of his experiences during this period, although his name frequently appears on the records among other townsmen who did valiant service for their country. He was called upon and served eighteen days on the

Lexington Alarm
With men of Killingly
In Captain John Green's Company
Lieut. Obadiah Clough
Ensign Daniel Larned.

The next month, May 9, 1775, he enlisted and served until December 14, 1775, in the

Third Continental Regiment
General Israel Putnam (1775)
Colonel Israel Putnam
In Captain Joseph Elliot's 8th Company.

The following year, on September 14, 1776, he marched to West Chester in the

Eleventh Regiment Connecticut Militia (1776)
Colonel Ebenezer Williams (Pomfret)
In Captain John Green's Company
Ensign Daniel Larned.

Ensign Daniel Larned being a neighbor.

On February 17, 1778, he enlisted for three years in

Colonel John Crane's Artillery (1778)
Captain William Sizer's Company.

Family tradition states that he once drove a patrol wagon. Once when lying with seven others around a camp fire, a passing cannon ball took off the heads from four of the men, leaving the others unharmed. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the conflict and returned home, and became a school teacher of excellent reputation, being known as Master Green, throughout the section.

He married, in 1799, Lydia Graves, and to them were born eight sons and daughters. His closing days were spent upon a little farm in Thompson, where he died, June 28, 1826, and was buried in a small neighborhood cemetery in East Thompson. No stone marks the spot.

His daughter Hannah, fifth in order of birth among the eight children, and eighteen years of age at the time of her father's death, is the sole survivor of the family. Her life has been chiefly passed in Thompson. She occupies to-day, with two daughters, the same house she entered, seventy-two years ago, as the bride of Ithiel Robbins, to whom she was married November 8, 1829. She has borne twelve children, most of whom are living. Her husband died January 28, 1883. She is of rather small stature, and looks younger than her ninety-four years. Her faculties of mind and body are well retained. She is a deeply religious woman, and has been connected with the Methodist Church since her girlhood. She inherits longevity. An aunt lived to the age of one hundred and seven. Mrs. Robbins joined the National Society October, 1901. Her national number is 36611. She is among the last of patriots'

daughters to join from Connecticut, and there are only a few later enrollments in the National Society from other states.

The children of Joseph Green and Lydia (Graves) Green, his wife, were:

Russell, b. 1800; m. Sallie Whitmore; d. 1876.
Timothy, b. 1802; m. Esther Houghton.
Nancy, b. 1804; m. Joseph Harrenton.
John, b. 1806; m. Maranda Wood; d. 1861.
Hannah, b. 1808; m. Ithiel Robbins.
Daniel } twins, } b. 1810; m. Maranda Talbot; d. 1881.
Lydia } } b. 1810; m. Jesse Dexter; d. 1900.
Kendal, b. 1812; m. Mary Payne; d. 1841.

The children of Hannah (Green) Robbins and Ithiel Robbins (born February 6, 1804) are as follows:

David Nelson, b. April 15, 1831; m. Elisabeth Joslyn.
Joseph G., b. July 30, 1832; d. Oct. 29, 1833.
Elmira J., b. Jan. 28, 1834; d. July 28, 1843.
Elisabeth L., b. July 28, 1835; m. 1st, Zadoc Robbins; 2d, Stephen Robbins.
Mary Ann, b. Feb. 20, 1837; d. Jan. 19, 1840.
Phebe K., b. March 13, 1838; m. Luther Jacobs.
John W., b. Aug. 9, 1841; m. Adaline Robbins.
Mary Emily, b. June 8, 1843; d. Sept. 3, 1843.
Luther D., b. Oct. 3, 1844; m. Mary Stearns.
Julia A., b. March 16, 1847.
Hannah T., b. Oct. 11, 1848.
Ithiel D., b. Feb. 15, 1853; m. Flora B. Caswel; d. in Millbury, Mass., April 2, 1903.

Helen Manning Kent.
(MRS. JOHN BRYDEN KENT.)

Authority: Conn. Men in the Revolution, pp. 14, 57, 291, 462.

Elizabeth Clarke Hull Chapter

ANSONIA

Daughter	of	Patriot
MINERVA (BLAKE) HOWLAND		SILAS BALDWIN —Surgeon REUBEN BLAKE

Emma Hart Willard Chapter

BERLIN AND KENSINGTON

Daughter	of	Patriot
EMILY (SAVAGE) ROYS		LIEUTENANT ELISHA SAVAGE SELAH SAVAGE SETH SAVAGE

MINERVA (BLAKE) HOWLAND.

MINERVA (BLAKE) HOWLAND

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

BALDWIN—BLAKE

NO center of activity among Connecticut towns during the Revolution was more vigorous than Derby. Companies were formed at the first breath of alarm, and, during the long siege, recruits poured in until old and young were engaged either abroad or at home in the mighty struggle.

Reuben Blake, a boy of thirteen, born in 1765, enlisted in 1778, in a company recruited in Derby, under

Captain David Humphreys
Sixth Regiment, "Connecticut Line"
(Formation of 1777–1781)
Commanded by Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs.

During the summer of 1778, the regiment encamped, with the main army under Washington, at White Plains, and wintered in 1778 and 1779 at Redding. In the operations of 1779, the regiment served with the Connecticut Division on the east side of the Hudson in Colonel Heath's wing, and wintered in 1779 and 1780 at Morristown Huts, New Jersey. In the movement of 1780 the regiment served with the division on both sides of the Hudson.

On the discovery of Arnold's treason, Colonel Meigs' regiment was ordered, with other troops, to repair directly to West Point, in anticipation of the advance of the enemy. The following winter was passed at camp "Connecticut Village," near the Robinson House, opposite West Point. There the regiment was consolidated for the formation of 1781-1783. After this formation, Reuben Blake's name is enrolled in the

Fourth Regiment, "Connecticut Line"
Colonel Zebulon Butler
Captain David Humphreys.

His entire service during the Revolution covered four years, during which he received a severe wound in his knee, which resulted in permanent lameness. At the close of the war, he returned to Derby and became a sea captain in trade with the West Indies. This profitable employment was much in favor with the inhabitants of Derby, ships then entering the broad Housatonic without obstruction by the bar at Stratford.

Reuben Blake married Eunice Baldwin, daughter of Doctor Silas Baldwin of Derby, who served as a surgeon during the Revolution, and is recorded in April, 1778, as taking the oath of fidelity in Derby. After the Revolution Dr. Baldwin removed to Woodbridge. The children of Doctor Silas Baldwin and Mary Plumb, his wife, were:

Zuriel, b. Jan. 6, 1758.
James, b. Dec. 1, 1763.
Hannah, b. March 10, 1766.
Eunice, b. Nov. 12, 1768.
Jesse, b. Feb. 15, 1771.
Sarah, b. ———; d. Jan. 1, 1774.
Silas, b. Aug. 25, 1774.
Sarah, b. Feb. 4, 1780.
Deborah, b. Aug. 22, 1782.

Reuben Blake and Eunice Baldwin, his wife, had nine children, all of whom married except Silas. They were:

Silas.
Harriet, m. ——— Shipman.
Harpin.
Polly, m. ——— Seeley.
Isaac.
Sally, m. ——— Parrott.
Minerva, m. William Howland.
Reuben.
Eliza, m. ——— Morris.

On March 26, 1818, while living in Derby, Reuben Blake applied for a pension, which was granted. Some years later, he removed, with his family, to Bridgeport, Conn., where his death occurred in 1836. His widow survived him about ten years and received the pension.

Minerva Blake, born in Derby, February 9, 1804, married about 1825, William Howland, who came from Massachusetts and settled in Bridgeport, Conn. Their seven children were:

George, b. 1825; d. 1850.
Martha, b. 1828; m. ——— Davis; d. 1896.
Ann Eliza, b. 1830; m. ——— Blakeslee.

Mary, b. 1834; m. ——— Mason; d. 1896.
Harriet, b. 1835; m. ——— Foster; d. 1882.
Emily, b. 1830; m. ——— Haywood; d. 1872.
Frances, b. 1845; m. William Dibble.

Mrs. Howland outlived her husband more than fifty years. She resided in New Haven during the greater part of seventy-four years. Her life was spent in faithful, earnest activity for the support of her large family. During many years of widowhood, Mrs. Howland was employed as a nurse.

She was a faithful member of Trinity Church and a devoted and regular attendant for nearly three-quarters of a century. Her memory was remarkably retentive. In the prime of life she could repeat almost the whole of a sermon to which she had listened. Her faculties remained clear until the last few years of her life, when failing sight resulted in total blindness and increased the infirmities of old age. To visit her was to gain a fresh impulse of faith and courage and a renewed respect for her sterling character.

Her recollections were vivid of her father, who never tired of relating the stirring events of the Revolution, a visible reminder of which he ever after carried in his lame knee. He was a resident of Upper Derby, now Ansonia, during the Revolution, and relatives and several grandchildren live in Ansonia.

For this reason Mrs. Howland became a member of the Elizabeth Clarke Hull Chapter, Ansonia, in May, 1898. The gold teaspoon, gift of the National Society, she received with great pleasure, even though she could not see the design. Connection with the Society of Daughters of the American Revolution proved indirectly the comfort of her declining years. Her ninety-sixth birthday, on February 9, 1900, was remembered by several friends. She was bright and very appreciative of the attention shown her. Five days later she passed away. Gently her useful life, almost a century long, came to a close.

Mary Josephine Clark.
(Mrs. William C. Clark.)

Authority: Conn. Men in the Revolution, pp. 341, 633. Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior. History of Derby, pp. 187, 624.

EMILY (SAVAGE) ROYS.

(From a photograph taken when Mrs. Roys was about seventy years old.)

EMILY (SAVAGE) ROYS

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—SAVAGE

THE Emma Hart Willard Chapter, Berlin and Kensington, has been favored in numbering among its members Mrs. Emily (Savage) Roys, who derived her right to be a Daughter of the American Revolution through the service of both her father, Selah Savage, and her grandfather, Elisha Savage.

Among the Connecticut men of the Revolution whose names have been found upon rolls and records, are seventeen bearing the name of Savage. With one exception all are accredited to territory adjacent to Berlin, which would indicate that they all sprang from the first early settler in Berlin of this name.

Elisha Savage was one of the pioneer settlers of Savage Hill in East Berlin. He was a member of the Colonial Militia before the Revolution and was ordered out with his company in the spring of 1777 for six weeks' service at Peekskill. He held the rank of second Lieutenant in

Brigadier-General Erastus Wolcott's Brigade
Colonel Thomas Belden's Regiment
Captain Jared Shepherd's Company
Second Lieutenant Elisha Savage.

His service began on March 29, 1777, and continued during seven weeks, when it was terminated by the discharge of his company on May 19th of the same year.*

His son, Selah Savage, the father of Mrs. Roys, was born January 9th, 1759, and when the Lexington Alarm aroused the villages of Eastern Connecticut, though barely past his fifteenth year, he enlisted

* Conn. Men in the Revolution, p. 496.

on May 10, 1775, in the 4th Company of the Second Regiment commanded by

General Joseph Spencer (East Haddam)
Captain and Major Return Jonathan Meigs (Middletown),

with his own brother, Seth Savage and other soldiers* from Berlin, then a part of Farmington. He marched to Boston, served during the siege of that city and was in the battle of *Bunker Hill.* From this term of service he was discharged on December 9, 1775. No record of his re-enlistment is found in "Connecticut Men of the Revolution," but he received a pension under act of Congress granting pensions to all soldiers who had served two years. His descendants have personal knowledge of this pension and also of his service near *White Plains*, N. Y. and *Horse Neck*, Conn. General Spencer's Regiment was reorganized under Colonel Samuel Wyllys, as the Twenty-second Connecticut, but the rolls of private soldiers are missing, which fact doubtless accounts for the absence of any record of his re-enlistment.

Selah Savage died April 15, 1846, aged eighty-seven years. His grandchildren remember well his excited appearance, when, brandishing his cane, which advancing years had made his necessary companion, he recalled his fighting days; but they remember little of the detail of his stories. He described the burying of the killed at White Plains—how they were piled in trenches and covered with earth so shallow, that often a hand or a foot was seen protruding above the surface.

On visits with his grandchildren to Greenwich, Connecticut, he often pointed out an old house in which he said he had been quartered at one time during the Revolutionary War, and showed them the old-fashioned double front door where holes, which tradition says were made by cannon balls, had been filled in with wood.

Selah Savage married for his first wife, Elizabeth Porter, who was born March 12, 1760; the date of her marriage is not known. She died April 19, 1805. For his second wife, he married on April 30, 1806, widow Roxy (Galpin) Deming. The children of these marriages were, by the first wife, Elizabeth (Porter) Savage:

* Conn. Men in the Revolution, pp. 48, 652.

Jamin, b. Oct. 22, 1784; m. (1) Polly Dunham, (2) Emily Hollister Strickland; d. March 23, 1855.

Betsey, b. June 27, 1787; m. Benjamin Wilcox; d. Jan. 28, 1831.

Laura, b. Sept. 21, 1789; m. (1) Noah Smith, (2) Richard Wilcox; d. Jan. 4, 1864.

By the second wife, Roxy (Galpin) Deming Savage:

Selah, b. Jan. 15, 1807; m. Sarah M. Mead; d. Jan. 13, 1894.

Benjamin, b. May 25, 1809; m. Sophia Hovey; d. Oct. 30, 1869.

Emily, b. Dec. 3, 1811; m. Franklin Roys; d. Sept. 2, 1896. Franklin Roys died Dec. 12, 1883.

His youngest daughter, Emily (Savage) Roys, the subject of this sketch, became a member of the Emma Hart Willard Chapter in 1896, a few months before her death, at the age of eighty-four. Mrs. Roys was a woman of lovely character, active in labors for her family and her friends, especially ready with sympathy and help for those who were sick or in trouble, a model home maker, warm-hearted and hospitable. Even in later years of suffering, she was still forgetful of self and thoughtful for those about her.

She married in 1830, Franklin Roys, a native of Southington, and removed to Greenwich, Connecticut, which was her home for about ten years. The family then came to East Berlin, where Mr. Roys was for many years a prominent manufacturer. In 1876, about seven years before his death, he moved to Berlin Center and the family have since occupied the same house.

Mrs. Roys survived her husband thirteen years. Their children were: Charles Augustus, Julia Maria, Sarah Mead, Emily Louisa, George Franklin, Harriet Allene. Two, Emily Louisa and George Franklin, died when about fifteen years of age. Charles Augustus, the oldest, was born July 19, 1832; married April 20, 1857, Elizabeth Sturgis Mead; died July 26, 1900. He had four children, three of whom are now living.

Three daughters reside in Berlin, and with them Mrs. Roys lived after the death of her husband, sheltered from every care and trouble. She died September 2, 1896, beloved by all who knew her.

The patriotic quality of the family, so plainly manifest by its service during the Revolution, showed itself again, when at the beginning of the Civil War, the oldest and only living son of Mrs. Roys

enlisted among the first quota of soldiers from Berlin. He served practically throughout the war, and only escaped imprisonment with his regiment, the Sixteenth Connecticut, from the fact that he was then ill in hospital.

Lydia Sessions Woodworth.
(MRS. W. W. WOODWORTH.)
Clara E. Bidwell.
Alice Norton.

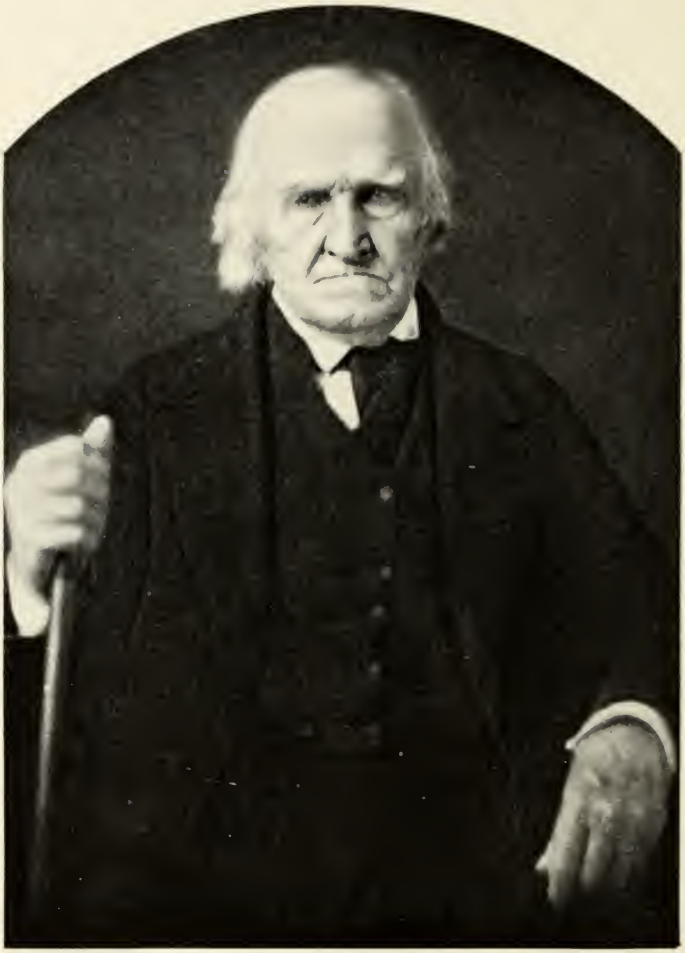
COAT OF ARMS

SAVAGE FAMILY.

Fannie Ledyard Chapter

MYSTIC

Daughters	of	Patriots
ABBYLINE (TIFT) STARR	SOLOMON TIFT	
	HUBBARD BURROWS —Captain	
	ELISHA BURROWS	
NANCY LORD (WHEELER) STANTON	ISAAC WHEELER —Lieutenant	
MARY ANN WHEELER	ISAAC WHEELER, JUNIOR —Fifer	



SOLOMON TIFT—PATRIOT.

ABBYLINE (TIFT) STARR

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

BURROWS—TIFT

SOLOMON TIFT was born in South Kingston, Rhode Island, May 28, 1758, the son of Joseph and Lucy (Brewster) Tift. In May, 1776, he was a private in the "Kingstown Reds," an independent company of South Kingston. In March, 1777, he enlisted for three months in an independent company attached to

Colonel John Gardner's Regiment.

In July, 1778, he enlisted again, being still a resident of South Kingston, R. I., as private in

Colonel John Topham's Regiment
Captain Benjamin West's Company.

His pension papers say that he was in the Battle of Rhode Island at Butt's Hill, August 29, 1778, of which battle it is said, "Of the 5,000 Americans engaged, only 1500 had ever been in action before. They were opposed by veteran troops, superior in number and in discipline. These facts justify the comment (ascribed to Lafayette) that 'the Battle of Rhode Island was the best fought action of the War.'" Solomon Tift was at the Battle of Groton Heights in the defense of Fort Griswold, September 6, 1781, and as all family traditions* say that Solomon Tift "served on the water," it is believed

* His grandson, Mr. Ezra Briggs, of Voluntown, Conn., writes, "he served a portion of the time on an American Privateer. As one of a prize crew he was placed on board of a captured vessel. This vessel was recaptured by the British, but Mr. Tift was released in time to take part in the Fort Griswold fight."

His daughter, Mrs. Sally Capwell, in a letter written June 24, 1881, says her father "served on the water, was taken prisoner by the British and confined for a long time on the 'old Jersey' Prison ship near New York and had the yellow fever while there."

that he was in a ship in the harbor of New London, and volunteered for the defense of the fort, as did many others. His name in the list of killed at Fort Griswold in the Connecticut Gazette of September 27, 1781, is of course a mistake, as he lived many years after. He was taken prisoner, carried to New York and confined on board the prison ship Jersey, at Wallabout. A grandson* writes, "I well remember grandfather Tift's statement of the sufferings of himself and other prisoners on the prison ship." Here he contracted ship fever and narrowly escaped death. His daughter, Mrs. Abbyline Starr, once wrote that her father being very ill of fever, his brother-in-law, Rev. Silas Burrows, and a sister, went to New York and with great difficulty secured his release from the ship prison and brought him home to Poquonoc. Solomon Tift told his descendants that as he was carried from the ship, being very ill, he heard a British officer remark, that the fellow was "as good as dead" and Solomon Tift determined that he *would not die*. He often told his grandchildren of his experiences, replying once to the question whether he had any meat to eat, "Oh yes, my child, when an old horse or mule died we had some."

The same grandson† wrote, July 21, 1881, "I give you the following facts obtained from grandfather Tift. He was in the fort and participated in the battle at Fort Griswold, was taken prisoner, and confined in the prison ship at New York. Grandmother Tift went to the fort immediately after the battle and examined the dead to see if her husband was among them. I remember her description of the dead, they looked as natural as in sleep." Solomon Tift's daughter, Mrs. Mary (Tift) Briggs, told her son that her mother, Eunice (Burrows) Tift, went to the fort the morning after the battle to search for those dear to her. Her brother, Captain Hubbard Burrows, was among the slain. Another brother, Elisha Burrows, was wounded in the neck at the battle of Bunker Hill.

Solomon Tift's name appears in October, 1785, in a list of creditors of the State of Rhode Island for depreciation of value in currency.

Solomon Tift married December 2, 1779, Eunice, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (Rathbone) Burrows. She was born at Fort

* Hon. Nelson Tift, Albany, Georgia, letter dated 1881.

† Hon. Nelson Tift, Albany, Georgia.

Hill, near Mystic, Conn., in 1760. Their first child, Betsey, was born August 5, 1780, and was therefore over a year old when the attack on Fort Griswold occurred.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Tift was in Poquonoc. Here thirteen children were born to them. In 1809 Mr. Tift united with

SOLOMON TIFT'S REVOLUTIONARY SWORD.

(Property of his great-grandson, Nelson E. Tift of Albany, Georgia.)

the Fort Hill Church (Second Baptist of Groton), of which his brother-in-law, the Rev. Silas Burrows, was the first pastor. Mrs. Tift died October 10, 1825. Solomon Tift survived his wife twenty-five years. His last years were spent in the home of his daughter*

* Mrs. Eunice Crumb.

at Old Mystic, Conn. His was the last Revolutionary pension paid out in Groton. He died December 2, 1850, and with his wife is buried* in the old Packer cemetery at Mystic. The children of Solomon Tift and of his wife Eunice (Burrows) Tift were:

Betsey, b. Aug. 5, 1780; m. John Benham (b. 1786; d. 1859); d. Nov. 1, 1877. Lived in New London, Conn.

Joseph Burrows, b. Oct. 9, 1782; m. Rebecca A. Braman (b. Jan. 21, 1790); d. in Florida.

Amos, b. May 19, 1784; m. April 24, 1806, Hannah Forsythe (b. Sept. 18, 1785; d. April 8, 1878, Mystic, Conn.); d. Aug. 15, 1829.

Solomon, b. Sept. 4, 1786; m. Mary Ann ——; d. in Charleston, S. C.

Eunice Burrows, b. April 17, 1788; m. Joseph Crumb (who d. Sept. 5, 1854, aged 73); d. April 5, 1861, in Old Mystic, Conn.

Lydia, b. May 14, 1790; m. 1808, David Lewis (b. July 12, 1786; d. Nov. 9, 1815); d. Jan. 16, 1840, near Fort Hill, Groton, Conn.

Mary, b. May 13, 1792; m. Dec. 22, 1816, Wanton Briggs (b. in Phenix, R. I., Oct. 5, 1788; d. March 27, 1849); d. July 9, 1866, in Voluntown, Conn.

Lucy, b. Nov. 8, 1794; m. (1) —— Spaulding, (2) Champlin Dewey.

Sally, b. Jan. 4, 1796; m. Eseck Capwell, Coventry, R. I.; d. 1884.

Nancy, b. April 6, 1798; m. William Capwell, Coventry, R. I.

Phebe, b. May 5, 1800; m. Aug. 26, 1821, Samuel Chipman, New London; d Dec. 3, 1863.

Abby, b. Sept. 25, 1803; d. March 21, 1805.

Abbyline, b. March 7, 1806; m. Nov. 29, 1829, Nicholas Starr (b. May 13, 1801; d. Nov. 15, 1868, Cortland, N. Y.); d. Dec. 20, 1901.

Joseph, oldest son of Solomon Tift, was a hero of the ship Constitution, "Old Ironsides," in the war of 1812, taking part in her battles with the Guerrierre and Java. Upon one occasion as master of guns, he fired an unauthorized shot, cutting off a mast of the enemy's ship—his superior's only reproof being "Well, you have made a schooner of her!"

Abbyline, youngest child of Solomon and Eunice Tift, was born and spent her early life in Groton. Here she married Nicholas Starr, Jr., November 29, 1829. In the fall of 1832 they moved to Homer, New York, where Mr. Starr died in 1867. Five children were born to them, four of whom reached maturity. The last sixteen years of Mrs. Starr's life were passed with her oldest son,

*A bronze marker has been placed on the grave of Solomon Tift by the Sons of the American Revolution.

in Courtland, New York, where she died December 20, 1901, aged ninety-five years, nine months and twelve days. In August, 1897, she became an honorary member of the Fanny Ledyard Chapter of Mystic, formerly a part of the old town of Groton, Connecticut.

The children of Mrs. Abbyline (Tift) Starr and of Nicholas Starr were:

Mary Elizabeth, b. May 14, 1831; m. Hiram D. Corey; d. Sept. 5, 1885.
Nicholas, b. April 13, 1833; m. Oct. 9, 1859, Permelia Corey.
Thomas, b. Feb. 27, 1839; d. in one month.
Thomas, b. Feb. 15, 1840. Unmarried.
Benjamin, b. Feb. 25, 1843; d. April 13, 1862, in the hospital at Fortress Monroe, Va., having enlisted during the Civil War in the 44th New York Regulars, known as the "Ellsworth Avengers."

Emma Avery Simmons.

(MRS. A. H. SIMMONS.)

Authorities: Revolutionary defences of Rhode Island, p. 115.
Spirit of '76 in Rhode Island, p. 82.
Rhode Island Historical Tracts No. 6, p. 28.
Story of Fort Griswold, by Charles Allyn, p. 272.
Conn. Men in the War of the American Revolution, pp. 578, 655, 661.
Application for pension on record in Washington.
Family letters and family tradition preserved by Hon. Nelson Tift of Albany, Georgia, and Mrs. Mary (Tift) Briggs. Thanks are due to Mrs. F. B. Moser of New York and to Miss Elizabeth Corey for assistance in preparing this sketch.

NANCY LORD (WHEELER) STANTON.

(From a photograph taken in 1895 when Mrs. Stanton was 84 years old.)

NANCY LORD (WHEELER) STANTON

MARY ANN WHEELER

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—WHEELER

AT the outbreak of the Revolution, Isaac Wheeler, then about twenty-nine years old, enlisted (May 9, 1775). He was the son of Isaac Wheeler, and was born November 26, 1746. He served first as a private in

Colonel David Waterbury's Regiment, the Fifth Connecticut
Captain Joseph Smith, 8th Company.

He was at the siege of St. Johns in October, and was discharged November 11, 1775, at which time many of the men left on account of illness. He re-enlisted, and in 1776 was stationed at Newport, Rhode Island, under the command of

Colonel Harry Babcock.

Here he took with him into the service his two slaves, Enoch and Caesar, and his eldest son, Isaac, eight years old. He was in the battle of the Brandywine, and was made a Lieutenant.

His little son, Isaac Wheeler, Jr. (born June 8, 1768), acted as fifer in 1776 in the same company with his father. At Newport (Jamestown), he contracted camp fever, and was brought on horseback to his home in Stonington on a pillow supported in the arms of his father. The following is the leave of absence and passport granted to Isaac Wheeler and his son, the boy fifer:

Headquarters, Jamestown, March 10, 1776

Mr Isaac Wheeler is permitted to go off this island to return in twenty days from this date, his son Isaac likewise till he is able to return into the service on account of his health.

Christopher Lippitt

Isaac Wheeler, the fifer, when an aged man, recalled his great desire as a boy for a uniform, relating that he refused to play on his fife until he could have one. Accordingly, his father employed a shoemaker in Newport to make a pair of red topped high boots for him, telling him that this was the uniform for boy fifers. His pleasure in possessing the boots made him willing to resume his duties. He became a great favorite with the members of his father's company; they taught him to dance, and to sing their camp songs, which ever remained fresh in his memory, one of which his daughter now recalls

"I have been beat and I have been banged,
And all for desertion;
If ever I enlist for a soldier again
The devil may be my surgeon."

In the retreat from Newport he was brought off the island on the back of Jim Freeman, an Indian of the Charlestown (Narragansett) tribe, who in after years made annual visits to see the boy he had saved. Near the close of the war, being large for his age, he engaged in privateering. The vessel on which he served was taken by the English, but was retaken by a vessel of the French fleet under Count de Grasse, carried into Chesapeake Bay and there released. He saw the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, and was discharged at the head of the Elk River in Maryland. From there he journeyed, footsore, ill, and weary, to his father's home in Connecticut.

He attended private schools, where, under the teaching of the noted master, Niles, and others, he acquired a good education, particularly in grammar, mathematics, and penmanship. Even when past middle age he had a fine voice, and evoked sweet music from his fife; and, notwithstanding his great weight, was a graceful dancer.

He married first, March 20, 1790, Hannah, daughter of Captain John and Martha (Stanton) Holmes. She died in 1808; he married second, March, 1810, Olive Burdick, born August 25, 1786. He was the father of eighteen children.

The children of Isaac Wheeler, Jr., by his first marriage to Hannah Holmes, were:

Hannah, b. June 4, 1791; m. William Wright; no children.
Isaac, b. Sept. 25, 1793; d. after 1861; unmarried.
John Holmes, b. Nov. 6, 1795; m. Esther Buddington of Groton, Conn.; d. Dec. 21, 1867.
George Washington, b. Jan. 23, 1798; m. Eliza Baldwin of No. Stonington.
Pitts Stanton, b. April 7, 1802; m. Rebecca Roberts of New London; d. March 8, 1873.
Homer Holmes, b. Nov. 27, 1803; m. (1) Mary Ann Roberts, (2) Luretta Jeffereys, (3) Augusta Miner, (4) Frances S. Wheeler; d. in 1882.
Martha Ann, b. Oct. 1, 1805; m. Henry Stanton Burdick; d. May 22, 1890.

Children by his second marriage to Olive Burdick:

Nancy Lord, b. Jan. 3, 1811; m. Samuel Stanton; d. Dec. 22, 1896.
Thomas Jefferson, b. Jan. 29, 1812; m. (1) Amelia Chesebrough, (2) Sophia P. Chesebrough, (3) Almira Phelps, (4) Mary (Denison) Collins; d. Sept. 23, 1894.
Elizabeth Denison, b. Oct. 20, 1813; m. Stephen F. Nye; d. July 21, 1860.
Stiles Denison, b. Mar. 13, 1815; m. Sarah Elizabeth Briggs; d. Aug. 29, 1884.
Calvin, b. Oct. 21, 1816; d. young.
Harriet Sophia, b. Sept. 12, 1817; d. June 18, 1834; unmarried.
William Nelson, b. March 11, 1819; m. Susan Wilcox; d. March 21, 1895.
Mary Ann, b. Nov. 19, 1820; d. Sept. 24, 1903.
Emily M., b. Sept. 2, 1822; m. Thomas W. Holmes; d. June 13, 1884.
Sarah Maria, b. April 3, 1824; m. Samuel Walter Bidwell; d. March 6, 1858.
Frances A., b. Feb. 28, 1826; m. Robert R. Mattison; d. July 12, 1847.

When in August, 1814, Stonington was bombarded by the British fleet, Isaac Wheeler, Jr.,* and his brother Charles P. Wheeler, were among the defenders. The latter received a pension. Another brother, Noyes Wheeler, served at about the same period for several years on board a man-of-war.

Isaac, eldest son of Isaac Wheeler, Jr., born September 25, 1793, was a sergeant in Captain Dennison Noyes' Company, Thirtieth Regiment, Conn. Militia, in the attack on Stonington (1814). He also served in the regular army on the frontier.†

Nancy Lord (Wheeler) Stanton, the oldest child of Isaac Wheeler, Jr., by his second wife, Olive Burdick, was born in Wequetequock, in the town of Stonington, Conn., January 3, 1811. She was mar-

* Late in life Isaac Wheeler, Jr., applied for a pension, but owing to the default of the person to whom he entrusted his papers he failed to obtain one.

† Elizabeth D. Nye, tenth child of Isaac Wheeler, Jr., had three sons who served in the Civil War. Her husband had two brothers and a nephew who also served, the largest number enlisting from any one family in Stonington.

ried December 29, 1831, to Samuel Stanton, 3d, who was born October 15, 1807, and died March 21, 1889. They had two children: George Samuel, born September 28, 1832, and accidentally killed in New York harbor, December 14, 1852; and Harriet A., who married Henry C. Stanton, July 9, 1876.

MARY ANN WHEELER.

(From a daguerreotype taken about 1852.)

Brought up in the time of household economy and industry, Mrs. Nancy Stanton took a deep interest in all kinds of domestic work. She wove beautiful cloth, and when eighty years of age she wove a piece of smooth and even rag carpet, forty yards long.

In 1895 the Fanny Ledyard Chapter made her an honorary member. Mrs. Stanton resided continuously in one locality for seventy-six years. She died December 22, 1896, aged eighty-five years.

Mary Ann Wheeler, who lived in Stonington, was elected to membership in the Fanny Ledyard Chapter in May, 1898. The fifteenth child of Isaac Wheeler, Jr., by his second wife, Olive Burdick Wheeler, she was born November 19, 1820. She resided for several years with her brother* in New London, and also with her sister† in Hartford—returning to the old home at the call of duty. A faithful friend and a devoted daughter—she was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She lived for five years after her election to membership in the Chapter, and although she was never able to attend the meetings, she greatly enjoyed the members' visits to her. Her mind remained unclouded to the last. She died September 24, 1903, in the eighty-third year of her age.

These two sisters are descendants of Thomas Wheeler, who settled in Stonington in 1664, the following being the Wheeler genealogy:

Thomas Wheeler, b. 1602, came with his wife Mary from England to Lynn, Mass., in 1635; made freeman 1642; removed to Stonington, Conn., 1664. Largest land owner in township, active in organizing "town plat" and laying out ministry land. Among founders of first church, 1674. Made freeman Conn. 1669, elected selectman and deputy and held other town offices. Died March 4, 1688. Buried at Whitehall.

Isaac, 1st, b. 1646, inherited estate of father; m. Martha, dau. Thomas and Dorothy (Thompson) Parke, and granddau. Sir Robert Parke of Preston, Eng.—a settler of Wethersfield, Conn., in 1640.

Isaac d. Jan. 5, 1712. Martha d. Feb. 15, 1716, aged 70 years. They had four sons and six daughters.

Isaac, 2d, b. Aug 6, 1673; built and occupied homestead on Tongwonk Hill; m. Mary, dau. Rev. Jeremiah and Mary (Wainwright) Shepherd of Lynn, Mass.; granddau. Rev. Thomas and Margaret (Borodell) Shepherd of Cambridge.

Isaac d. Jan. 26, 1739. Mary d. Sept. 6, 1761. They had two children.

Captain Thomas, b. Feb. 15, 1700; m. Mary, dau. Capt. Ephraim, Jr., and Mary (Stevens) Miner; granddau. Capt. Ephraim and Hannah (Avery) Miner; great-granddau. Capt. Thomas and Grace (Palmer) Miner; descendant of Walter Palmer and Capt. James Avery.

Captain Thomas Wheeler d. Oct. 23, 1755; Mary d. July 28, 1750. They had eleven children.

* Homer Wheeler, Esq.

† Mrs. Sarah Maria (Wheeler) Bidwell.

Isaac 3d, b. Feb. 12, 1724; m. Bridget, dau. Capt. Thomas and Elizabeth* (Sanford) Noyes; granddau. Rev. James Noyes (first settled minister Stonington, and a founder of Yale College), and Dorothy (Stanton) Noyes; great-granddau. Rev. James Noyes of Newbury, Mass., whose father, Rev. William Noyes, was rector of diocese of Salisbury, Eng.

Isaac Wheeler was accidentally drowned in an ineffectual attempt to rescue his slave, May 26, 1747. His only son,

Lieut. Isaac, 4th, b. Nov. 26, 1746, inherited by his grandfather's will the homestead of his grandparents at Tongwonk Hill; m. Dec. 31, 1765, Ruth, dau. Timothy and Mary (Smith—descendant Nehemiah of Groton) Swan, granddau. Capt. John and Susannah (Eastman) Swan, residents during Indian wars of Haverhill, Mass. (See History of Haverhill for romantic incident.) Descendant Richard Swan, early settler at Rowley, Mass.

Lieut. Isaac d. Dec. 31, 1831. Ruth d. Dec. 6, 1834.

Isaac, 5th, b. June 6, 1768; m. (1) March, 1790, Hannah, dau. Capt. John Holmes, (2) March, 1810, Olive, dau. Elnathan and Anne (Sisson) Burdick. Olive Burdick was a descendant of Robert Burdick, one of the first three founders of Westerly, R. I. (His wife was Ruth, dau. Samuel and Tacy (Cooper) Hubbard, among founders Seventh Day Baptist Church in America. See Mag. of New England History for July, 1891.) Olive Burdick was a descendant also of Joseph Clark of the regular Baptist Church at Newport; of John Reynolds of Weymouth, Mass., and Stonington, Conn.; and of Richard Sisson, first of the name at Portsmouth, R. I.

Isaac, 5th, d. May 11, 1856; 1st wife Hannah d. in 1808; 2d wife Olive d. Dec. 8, 1873.

Harriet A. Stanton.

(MRS. HENRY C. STANTON.)

* For Elizabeth Sanford's ancestry see Noyes Genealogy, Martha Babcock (Noyes) Noyes Sketch, Anna Warner Bailey Chapter.

Faith Trumbull Chapter

NORWICH

Daughters	of	Patriots
CAROLINE (WAY) CLARK		ELISHA WAY —Lieutenant
LYDIA WHEELER (MOORE) HOLDEN		DAVID MOORE —Sergeant
		SILAS MOORE

THE MEN OF '76.

By Rev. F. Denison.

Our fathers fired the sunrise gun
  Of freedom, sounding our release,
Predestined through all lands to run,
  The harbinger of world-wide peace.

From Bunker Hill to Eutaw Springs,
  Was lit Law's Independent blaze;
And still the song of Freedom rings,
  As in the old heroic days.

This western world was given them,
  From mountain snows to palmy plains,
To prove the brotherhood of men
  And break, at last, dark Slavery's chains.

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But think how many martyrs sleep
  On fire-swept fields, by blood made red;
And shall we not in memory keep,
  As living still, the hero-dead?

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REVOLUTIONARY POWDER HORN BEARING THE DATE 1775.

(Owned by W. S. C. Perkins, M.D., grandson of Lieutenant Elisha Way.)

CAROLINE (WAY) CLARK

ELISHA WAY—PATRIOT

LIEUTENANT ELISHA WAY was born in Lyme, Connecticut, June 13, 1757, and died in Lyme, April 14, 1842. On May 1st, 1775, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted in the

Sixth Connecticut Regiment
Colonel Samuel Holden Parsons in command,

and received the commission of Ensign. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant July 1st and received his discharge December 1st, 1775.

The first ancestors of Elisha Way came to America from England in 1630, and the patriot's pedigree is as follows:

HENRY WAY.
GEORGE WAY.
THOMAS WAY.
THOMAS WAY, JR.
Elisha Way, m. Eunice Crocker

Eleven children were born to Elisha Way and to Eunice (Crocker) Way, his wife, of whom seven daughters married as follows: Harriett, married Joshua R. Warren; Eunice, married Isaiah Rogers; Emma, married Absalom Beckwith; Esther, married James A. Pyne; Edna, married Roswell Carpenter; Mary, married A. F. Perkins; Caroline, married W. S. Clark. Thomas was lost at sea.

When twenty-five years of age, Caroline Way married William Sheldon Clark of Lyme and passed the earliest years of her married life in Lyme. In 1836 her husband sold his farm and started on horseback for Western New York. After a long and tiresome journey he reached Mendon, where he purchased a large tract of land upon which three log houses had already been built. Mrs. Clark joined her husband, traveling by way of Albany and the Erie canal, which had just been completed.

The family began the life of western pioneers at Mendon, N. Y., which became their permanent home until the death of Mr. Clark

in 1877, when Mrs. Clark removed to Lima, N. Y., where she lived until her death on May 12, 1902.

Mrs. Clark was the last survivor of the eleven children of the patriot. She was eighty-eight years of age when she became a member of the Connecticut D. A. R., thus proving, after an absence of sixty years, her loyalty to her native state, and thus reviving the memory of Lieutenant Elisha Way's service in the war for American Independence. At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the Baptist Church of Lima. Two children* survive her, three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

The following lines were written by her a short time before her death:

THE UNSEEN LAND.

Let me go to the land mine eye hath not seen,
The river of death is only between,
I can stem its dark current, 'twill not me o'erflow,
I am sad, I am weary, let me go, let me go.

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The friends of my youth—oh where have they fled?
Some gone far away—others sleep with the dead.
Nor my own dearest kindred have been spared by that hand,
Which removes all things lovely to that far distant land.

Let me go to the land where the flowers ever bloom,
Our dearest, best hopes, ne'er consigned to the tomb,
Where sickness and sorrow, pain, anguish or woe
Can ne'er enter—there, Oh—who would not go?

Let me go to the land where my loved ones have gone,
I would fain join the number of that happy throng,
In singing the praises of him I adore
In the bright happy land forever, ever more.

Authority: Pension list, Adjutant General's Report of Connecticut, pp. 73, 656, 661.

*Mrs. Sarah A. Force of Lima, and Mr. Thomas R. Clark of Rochester, N. Y. Thomas R. Clark was born March 1, 1850; married Lizzie J. Williams. Sarah Clark married Isaac Force. Mary Clark, her oldest daughter (deceased), married Henry Dryer.

LYDIA WHEELER (MOORE) HOLDEN

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—MOORE

LYDIA WHEELER (MOORE) HOLDEN became a member of Faith Trumbull Chapter, January 18th, 1897, at the age of seventy-nine years. Her genealogical line is as follows: John Moore, born in England; David Moore, 1st, born in Westerly, R. I.; *David Moore, 2d*, b. in Richmond, R. I., July 25, 1752; d. Oct. 31, 1839; *Lydia Wheeler Moore*, born in Stonington, Oct. 26, 1818.

David Moore, 1st, was drawn for service in the Continental army, but his son Silas, a youth of seventeen or eighteen, went as his father's substitute, serving in the expeditions against New York. Later in life Silas Moore held the office of Deputy Sheriff and Justice of Peace. His name has been perpetuated in nearly every branch of his descendants. In 1832, when seventy-four years of age, he received a pension for two years' service in the Continental army.

David Moore, 2d, patriot and pensioner, entered the Continental army at the age of twenty-four as Sergeant in

Colonel Thomas Porter's Regiment, Rhode Island (1776)
Captain Simeon Clark's Company.

He also served (in 1778) in

Colonel Charles Dyer's Regiment
Captain Robert Bailey's Company,

and was present at the *battle of Rhode Island* in August of that year.

In 1796 David Moore, 2d, received a commission* as Lieutenant of the Fourth Company, Third Regiment of Cavalry in the Connecticut militia, dated May 23, and signed by Oliver Wolcott "Captain General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the State of Connecticut of America."

* This commission is still preserved in the family as a valued heirloom.

David Moore, 2d, married three times, had ten children and twenty-eight grandchildren. His first wife was Lydia Wheeler, whom he married on March 16, 1872. Their children were:

Sally, b. Jan. 25, 1784; m. Marlboro Wells. Went to Pittsfield to live and was the mother of six children, three sons and three daughters.

Cyrus, b. July 26, 1785; d. July 25, 1787.

George, b. Dec. 1, 1787; m. Bridget Wells; they had five daughters and two sons; he died June 23, 1823.

Nancy, b. June 6, 1789; m. Luther Miner of Cornwall, Conn., and was the mother of three sons and one daughter; she died Dec. 29, 1867.

Mary, b. June 4, 1792; m. her cousin Jordan Moore, lived in the vicinity of Norwich, and had four sons and one daughter; her death occurred in Sprague, Dec. 31, 1867.

Lydia (Wheeler) Moore died June 27, 1806.

David Moore, 2d, married Sally Prentis, his second wife, March 27th, 1808. She died March 2d, 1817. Their children were:

Emmeline, b. Nov. 17, 1809; m. Leverett Clark of Cornwall, Conn., and had one son; she died May 11, 1836.

Eliza P., b. Jan. 18, 1814; d. March 11, 1814.

David Moore, 2d, married Keziah Ames, his third wife, December 28, 1817. She died May 2d, 1861. Their children were:

Lydia Wheeler, b. Oct. 26, 1818; m. Walter Holden, Feb. 20, 1850; d. Nov. 18, 1900. They had three children.

Charles Tyler, b. Oct. 15, 1820; d. April 6, 1821.

Hannah Tyler, b. Dec. 19, 1822; m. John Batty of Mystic, Conn. They had two sons and one daughter.

Lydia Wheeler Moore, when about seventeen years old went to live with her sister Emmeline in Cornwall, Conn. She had a very vivid recollection of the two days' journey by stage-coach, stopping over-night in Hartford.

On February 20, 1850, she was married to Walter Holden. They lived on Corning Road in Preston, and Mrs. Holden lived there nearly all the rest of her life.

After five years of married life, Mrs. Holden was left a widow with three small children: Edward (born February 22, 1851); Justin (born October 5, 1852), and Maria Dudley (born June 9, 1855).

The only daughter died January 13, 1879, whose early death was a life-long grief to the mother. Mrs. Holden lived a home life, giving her time and loving care to her fatherless children, and to kindly deeds of Christian love to those about her. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. She died in Preston, Connecticut, November 18th, 1900, at the age of eighty-two years. With the

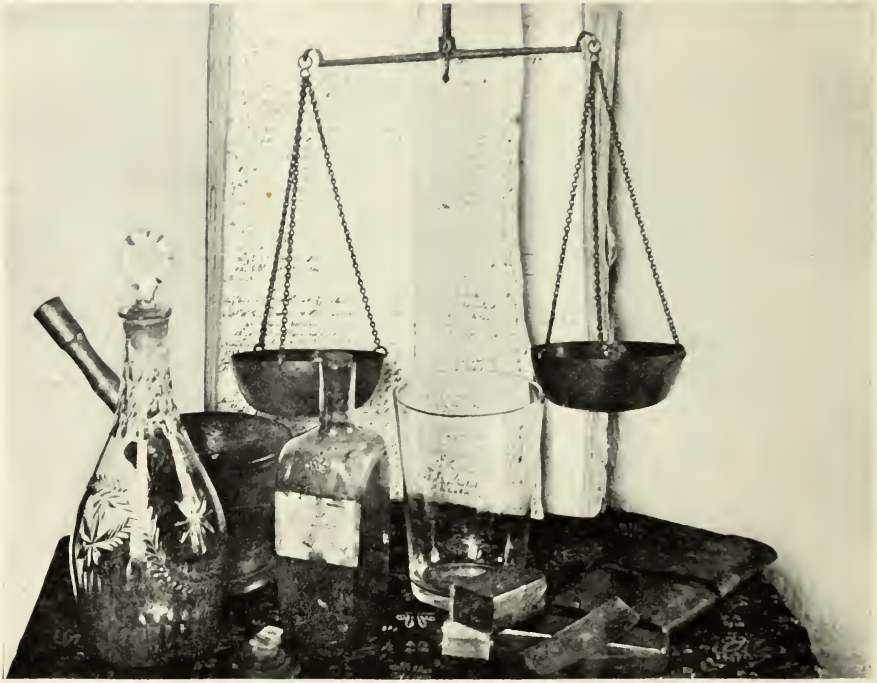
LYDIA WHEELER (MOORE) HOLDEN.

exception of deafness, age had not impaired her faculties. She took an active interest in all that transpired about her, and she employed much of her time in sewing rugs, which were made with the extreme neatness and care which characterized all of her needle-work.

Ellen Kilbourne Bishop.

(Mrs. E. C. Bishop.)

Authorities: Connecticut Pension Rolls, List of pensioners residing in New London County in 1832, p. 656.
Adjt. Genl.'s Report, Department Records at Washington.
D. A. R. Year Book, 1893 and 1894, p. 206

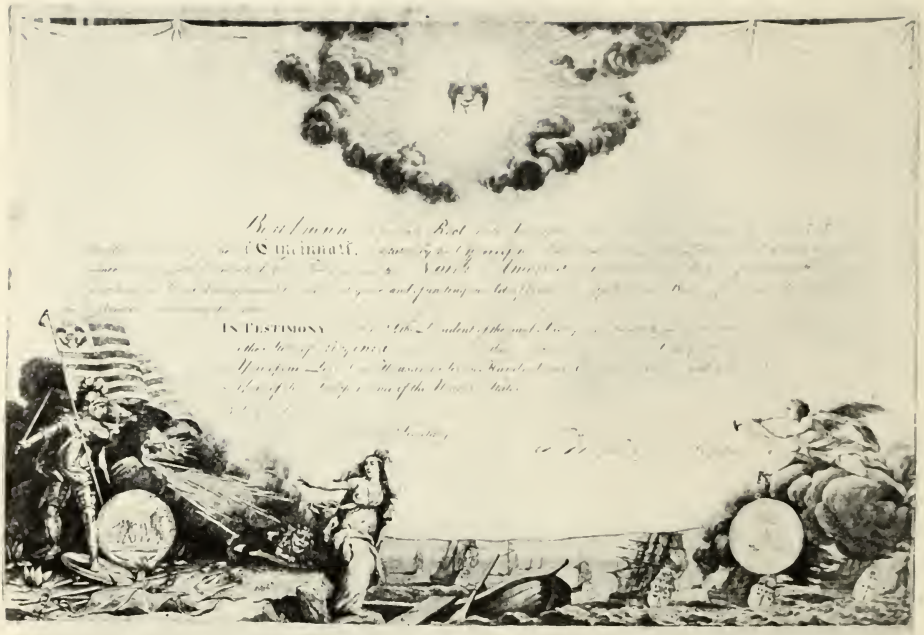


DR. JOSIAH ROOT'S APOTHECARY UTENSILS.

Hannah Woodruff Chapter

SOUTHINGTON

Daughters of	Patriots
NANCY (ROOT) POTTER	JOSIAH ROOT —Assistant Apothecary General NATHANIEL HUNN ROOT
EMMA (DUTTON) QUILL	TIMOTHY DUTTON
JENNETTE (CARTER) HIGGINS	ELIHU CARTER
HARRIET (REID) CRISSEY	ASA REID
BETSEY (PAYNE) IVES	THOMAS PAYNE
LOIS (JOHNSON) UPSON	LEVI JOHNSON



DR. JOSIAH ROOT'S CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP, ORDER SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

NANCY (ROOT) POTTER

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—ROOT

JOSIAH ROOT, father of Nancy (Root) Potter, was a direct descendant in the sixth generation of Thomas Root, who was born in Badby, England, and who came to this country about 1637, being one of the first settlers of Hartford. The great-grandfather of Josiah, John by name, married Mary Woodruff of Farmington, where he lived about 1692. He had a son, John, whose son Josiah was the father of Dr. Josiah, who was born in Southington, December 17, 1752, the youngest of three children. It is not known with whom he studied medicine, but he entered the Revolutionary army as surgeon's mate. By promotions he reached the rank of Assistant Apothecary General, and was for a time stationed in New York. His name is on the list of Revolutionary pensioners and he was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

His father, Josiah, died at the early age of twenty-eight, in the same year (1752) in which (Dr.) Josiah was born, leaving two sons and a daughter. The oldest son, Nathaniel Hunn Root (born 1747), served in the Revolutionary war, being with the regiments of the Northern Department stationed (1776) near Albany and at Fort Stanwix, under the command of

General Philip Schuyler
Colonel Samuel Elmore (Sharon)
Lieutenant John Brown.

From Dr. Josiah's uncle's family, consisting of nine children, five sons* went to the war from Southington:—Captain Hezekiah (born 1747), Corporal Salmon (born 1752), who "Enlisted for the War" in 1777 in

Captain William Judd's Company (Farmington),

Elijah (born 1754), Samuel (born 1757), and Joel (born 1759).

* Connecticut Men of the Revolution, and Root Genealogy, pp. 129, 130.

who "died in the war of the Revolution September 2, 1776, aged seventeen years."

Other members of the Root family in Southington who saw service are the brothers Moses (born 1758) and Samuel Root (born 1763), the latter "enlisting as a volunteer at the age of sixteen and for a time was an orderly of General Washington."*

In the Southington cemetery among the early stones is one bearing this inscription: Elisha Root, Esq., who died September, 1776 at East Chester. Being on his way home from the City of New York, whither he had been called in defense of his country. Ae. thirty-five.

Elisha Root was the son of Jonathan Root, in whose house† (still standing) General Washington was entertained in 1780.

Southington was a part of Farmington until 1779. In a letter written from Farmington to Boston, dated October 4, 1774,‡ Jonathan Root wrote in behalf of the committee of the town of Farmington:

"I have shipped on board Capt. Loveman's sloop, 149 bushels of grain, given by the inhabitants of Southington for the relief of the industrious poor of Boston, viz: 22½ bush. of wheat, 118 bush. of rye, 9½ bush. corn."

"A letter full of grateful and patriotic expressions was returned, signed by David Jeffries on behalf of the recipients, dated Boston, November 15, 1774."

At the close of the war Dr. Root began a general practice in Hamden, removing to Southington in 1805. He was a man of good abilities and had a disposition which made him very popular, especially among the young. He was a "natural surgeon," but strongly objected to any unnecessary use of the knife, using intuitively the means which would prevent the need of such action.

His marriage to Merab, daughter of Lemuel Lewis, took place April 8, 1786. Their children numbered eight, Nancy being next to the youngest. She was born in Hamden, Conn., May 4, 1801, and throughout her long life was a constant worker. In her youth she was employed in hat binding and winding silk buttons. She

* Root Genealogy, p. 174.

† For illustration see Patron Saints, p. 309.

‡ See State Archives, and Root Genealogy, p. 141.

was also a teacher for a short time, but at the age of twenty-two she became the wife of Joel Potter, who was for many years a prominent merchant of Southington. During the life of Mr. Potter the family lived in the old Priest Robinson place on North Main Street, which contained much of the furniture used by this early minister. One chair of the ancient high-backed pattern was a cherished possession of hers and is now over one hundred and fifty years old.

A CHIPPENDALE CHAIR (150 YEARS OLD). PROPERTY OF MRS. NANCY (ROOT) POTTER. FORMERLY OWNED BY PRIEST ROBINSON.

For over fifty years Mr. and Mrs. Potter lived together, having welcomed children to their home, some of whom lived to maturity; yet all entered the celestial city before their parents. At last she was left alone in the old home, where she remained until received into the family of her grand-niece. In the peaceful sunset of her life she retained her fondness for young people, and she was always very active, her physical powers being remarkable for one of her great age. At the time of the charter meeting (Hannah Woodruff Chapter), a carriage was sent for her, and she mounted two long

flights of stairs, although she was ninety-six years old, saying with characteristic energy, "I will keep on until I reach the hall." She received an enthusiastic welcome, the Chapter counting it an honor to receive its oldest patriot's daughter on that occasion.

She survived all of her brothers and sisters for nearly half a century and her own immediate family for nearly as long, and entered into rest at the great age of ninety-eight years, May 28, 1899.

Dr. Josiah Root married Merab, daughter of Lemuel Lewis, April 8, 1786. Their children were:

Lloyd, b. Sept. 14, 1787; d. Feb. 20, 1838.
Laura, b. Aug. 30, 1789; m. Nov. 7, 1814, Billings Tisdale; d. Sept. 20, 1832.
Betsey, b. Dec. 31, 1791; m. July 15, 1816, Chauncy Buck; d. Mar. 8, 1874.
Reuben Smith, b. Mar. 7, 1794; d. Sept. 1, 1806.
James, b. April 2, 1796; m. Freelove S. Leonard; d. Mar. 14, 1842.
William, b. June 10, 1798; d. Aug. 25, 1848.
Nancy, b. May 8, 1801; m. April 23, 1822, Joel Potter; d. May 28, 1899.
Emily, b. May 20, 1805; d. July 24, 1836.

Joel Potter and Nancy Root were married April 23, 1822. Their children were:

Lucretia, b. April 28, 1823; d. Oct. 11, 1844.
Samuel Martin, b. Nov. 10, 1825; m. Dec. 22, 1846, Martha Bidwell; d. May 17, 1850.
Charles Albert, b. Feb. 8, 1830; d. April 3, 1832.
Anna Maria, b. Aug. 13, 1837; d. Aug. 15, 1852.

EMMA (DUTTON) QUILL

TIMOTHY DUTTON—PATRIOT

TIMOTHY DUTTON, father of Emma (Dutton) Quill, was born February 7, 1761. His Revolutionary record was not of great length and seems to have been in response to an emergency call and is explained as follows:

As recruiting for the Continental Line proceeded slowly in the spring of '77, and as the regiments from Connecticut were not ready to take the field in March, Washington urged the Governor to send a body of militia to serve for six weeks at Peekskill.* Three regiments were accordingly ordered and the brigade placed in command of

Brigadier-General Erastus Wolcott (Windsor)
Brigade Major Roger Hooker (Farmington).

One regiment was in command of

Colonel Noadiah Hooker (Farmington)
Major Gad Stanley (Farmington).

There were at least eight companies in this regiment, over one of which was Captain Asa Bray (Southington); another was captained by Amos Barnes, and in the rolls of these companies are found many names of families who were then settled in the Farmington parishes.† These men were stationed at White Plains, Fishkill, Crompond and Fort Montgomery.

Timothy Dutton enlisted in the company of Captain Bray, Colonel Hooker's regiment, and arrived in camp April 3, 1777. His discharge is dated May 15, 1777. His daughter remembers that the children of the neighborhood used often to come to hear him tell stories, those of the war being of particular interest.

* See Connecticut Men of the Revolution, pp. 494, 499

† See Levi Johnson sketch, paragraph second, p. 152

He married January 6, 1785, Lucy Langdon (born April 2, 1767). His death occurred November 15, 1837, at the age of seventy-seven. Mrs. Dutton, his wife, died May 31, 1854.

Emma (Dutton) Quill, the daughter of Timothy and Lucy (Langdon) Dutton, was born November 25, 1808. Her early life was spent in Southington in her childhood's home on West Street, until

EMMA (DUTTON) QUILL.

her marriage, July 20, 1828. Her husband, Joseph Quill, was a merchant, and soon after their marriage the young couple went to Milledgeville, Georgia, where, owing to the dishonesty of his partner, Mr. Quill met with financial reverses. A few years later he returned to Southington, where he was more successful. Five children were born to them, two of whom survived their parents, and with whom they spent their declining years.

Their fiftieth wedding anniversary was celebrated in 1878, in the same house in which they began their married life. Many friends and relatives congratulated them and remembered them with appro-

priate gifts. Twenty years later, during the winter of 1898, which they spent with their son* in Wallingford, Mr. Quill died in his ninety-sixth year. For seventy years Mrs. Quill and her husband lived together, and as advancing years made him an increasing care, her earnest hope was that she might be spared to minister to him as long as he lived. She survived him until August 3, 1899, when, at the age of ninety-one years and nine months, she too "entered into rest." This waiting time was spent with her daughter† in Plantsville, where she was surrounded by children's children, and tenderly cared for.

The children of Timothy and Lucy (Langdon) Dutton were:

Amos, b. Oct. 8, 1785; d. Oct. 25, 1785.
Sylvester, b. June 27, 1788; d. Sept. 9, 1788.
Irad, b. 1793; d. June 22, 1793.
Timothy, b. May 25, 1795; d. Sept. 7, 1817.
Lucy, b. June 25, 1797; m. Aug. 26, 1817, Caleb Peck; d. Oct. 13, 1851.
Sophia, b. July 13, 1800; m. Jan. 27, 1819, Allen Dutton.
Betsey, b. July 5, 1805; m. June 24, 1824, Seth Judd; d. Feb. 26, 1857.
Emma, b. Nov. 25, 1808; m. July 20, 1828, Joseph W. Quill, who died April 14, 1898. She died Aug. 3, 1899.

The children of Joseph and Emma (Dutton) Quill were:

George, b. and d. Aug. 31, 1830.
Georgiana, b. Nov. 4, 1831; m. Julius Dutton Oct. 12, 1852; d. Sept. 1, 1861.
Mary Jane, b. April 29, 1838; m. Nathan S. Thresher, May 19, 1859; d. Sept. 1, 1879.
John Dutton, b. May 14, 1847; m. (1) Emma Hawley of Bristol, (2) Mary P. Hart.
Emma Gertrude, b. Jan. 22, 1852; m. Carlos P. Newell, Oct. 7, 1874.

* John Dutton Quill, M.D.
† Mrs. Carlos P. Newell.

JENNETTE (CARTER) HIGGINS.

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ELIHU CARTER—PATRIOT

LIHU CARTER, father of Jennette (Carter) Higgins, was born January 20, 1759. He was a direct descendant of Jacob Carter of Branford, who came to that place from Southold, L. I. His service in the Revolutionary army was not that of a soldier. He belonged to a regiment of artificers, authorized by Congress in 1777, which was attached to a pioneer construction corps.

This Regiment of Artificers was commanded by

Jeduthan Baldwin (Mass.) "Colonel of Engineers."

It served under the direction of the Quartermaster General and was at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and other fields. A large proportion of the officers and men were from Connecticut—the companies of Captains Painter (Salisbury), Wilcox and Osborn (Wallingford), Sizer (Middletown), and Pendleton (Watertown), having on their rolls the names of men from Waterbury, Farmington, Wallingford and nearby towns and parishes.

When General Green assumed command of the Southern Department in 1780, he "urgently requested that Captain Pendleton's (Watertown) Company of Artificers 'wholly raised in Connecticut' might be sent to him." "This company was the only body of men from the State that served south of Virginia during the Revolution. It remained there until the disbandment of the troops in November, '83." * Hence some of the men from this section of Connecticut witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

In Captain Pendleton's company's rolls the names of the "late recruits" are given with their occupations as follows: Carpenter, shoemaker, tailor, cooper, wheelwright, nailer, silversmith.

* Connecticut Men of the Revolution, p. 295.

Elihu Carter was in

Captain Gamaliel Painter's (Salisbury) Company
Ensign and Lieutenant, Jesse Prior (Middletown).

Elihu Carter was a shoemaker—his ability to make good shoes being of special importance to the patriot cause. At some time during his service he contracted small pox, and "suffered greatly." He was at Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth, and is recorded as having enlisted for three years. His name is on the list of Revolutionary pensioners.

Jennette Carter was born in Southington September 5, 1803, the third child in a family of five. She was married to Timothy Higgins November 4, 1824, and became the mother of eleven children, only three of whom are now living. Nearly ten years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins became members of the Congregational Church in Southington. Forty years later their church membership in Southington was transferred to the church in Plantsville.

They lived together past their sixtieth wedding anniversary. On the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary the collation was served on china which formed part of the original "setting out." Among the interior decorations was this: "Their children rise up and call them blessed," with the dates "1824" and "1874." Many rare and costly gifts were brought by relatives and friends. The aged husband on this occasion said, that engagement rings were not used in early days, but that he would ratify the early agreement by placing a ring upon the bride's finger.

Very noteworthy was the celebration of the sixtieth wedding anniversary, which found the elderly couple still hale and hearty. They welcomed their friends with the same cordiality as in their younger days. At this time Deacon Higgins presented each of his children with five hundred dollars in gold pieces and his grandchildren with a five dollar gold piece each. The welcoming address by the aged man was a touching one, and he concluded by saying, "We can say that through the kind, providential care of our Heavenly Father, our last days are being our best days."

Three years later, after a short illness, Deacon Higgins went home, "A man full of faith and the Holy Spirit." On November 16, 1896, Mrs. Higgins had a slight shock of paralysis, which dis-

abled her right side, rendering her virtually helpless. Her mind remained clear and active as ever, her general health seemingly unimpaired. She read for hours at a time and conversed with her wonted ease.

Thus in serene tranquillity and hope she tarried "until the shadows had a little longer grown." She was under the care of her daughter,* whose devotion did all that love and consideration could do to lighten the burden of helplessness. Many friends called on her even to the last. Mrs. Higgins died on the eighth of May, 1898, aged nearly ninety-five years.

Elihu Carter and Mercy Scott were married January 29, 1789. Mercy (Scott) Carter died November 10, 1789. To them was born one child:

Mary, b. Oct. 29, 1789; m. Mar. 24, 1813, Nathan Lewis.

Elihu Carter and Sarah Hopkins† were married November 21, 1790. Their children were:

Mercy, b. Dec. 22, 1791; m. Feb. 17, 1819, John Howd; d. Jan. 29, 1860; aged sixty-eight years.

Hopkins, b. Dec. 11, 1794; m. Nov. 26, 1817, Phila Frisbie; d. May 4, 1878; aged eighty-three years.

Jennette, b. Sept. 5, 1803; m. Nov. 4, 1824, Dea. Timothy Higgins; d. May 8, 1898.

Asahel, b. 1808; m. (1) Oct. 27, 1833, Eunice Aurelia Pond, who died Mar 5, 1836; m. (2) April 12, 1837, Jennette Curtiss; m. (3) Dec. 25, 1878, Mary A. Clark; d. Sept. 5, 1884; aged seventy-five years.

Sarah (Hopkins) Carter died February 21, 1842. Elihu Carter died May 22, 1844, at the age of eighty-five.

* Miss Harriet Higgins.

† The ancestry of Sarah Hopkins is as follows:

1. Isaac Hopkins m. Mary Hickox.
2. Captain Simeon Hopkins, b. Nov. 10, 1740; m. Nov. 15, 1764, Lois Richards (dau. Obadiah Richards); d. May 4, 1793.
3. Sarah Hopkins, b. June 2, 1767; m. Elihu Carter.

The children of Deacon Timothy and Jennette (Carter) Higgins were:

Laura A., b. Aug. 31, 1828; m. April 12, 1852, Joseph B. Beadle.
Jennette C., b. Jan. 31, 1830; m. April 24, 1850, Henry D. Smith; d. June 10, 1887.
Lucius H., b. July 4, 1832; m. Sept. 4, 1861, Louise Y. Blakeslee.
Mary, b. April 8, 1834; m. Dec. 5, 1855, Edwin P. Hotchkiss; d. Sept. 12, 1894.
Harriet, b. Mar. 21, 1836.
Edwin, b. June 19, 1841; d. Sept. 30, 1861.

Four other children were born who died in childhood.

Traditional Revolutionary material for this sketch was furnished by Mrs. Jane Carter Twichell, a granddaughter of the patriot.

HARRIET (REID) CRISSEY

ASA REID—PATRIOT

HARRIET, daughter of Asa and Jerusha (Buddington) Reid, was born March 18, 1809, in Lisbon, Conn. She remembers her father and she distinctly recalled a verse of poetry which he taught her shortly before his death, when she was about five years old.

"Though I am young, a little one,
If I can speak and go alone,
'Tis time for me to know the Lord,
And learn to love His holy word."

This is part of a poem to be found in old editions of the *New England Primer*. She also remembered that her father lifted her on his horse, holding her at what seemed to her an immense height. When she was five years of age, her father* died, leaving his widow with seven children to care for, the oldest being only fourteen years of age. She also remembers the church, into which she used to lead her blind stepfather. The hymns were "deaconed" off and the singing was congregational. The meetings were often held in a schoolhouse, in which an old-fashioned table, with a half of the top turned up, served for a pulpit.

After her father's death she assisted in caring for the young children of the neighbors, and relieved the monotony of this occupation by learning Watts' Hymns. Although brought up among Baptists, she could never reconcile herself to close communion.

At sixteen she found a home with an uncle in Southington, where she met Charles Crissey, to whom she was married June 23, 1830.

Mrs. Crissey is still living,† the last of the Patriots' Daughters of Hannah Woodruff Chapter. Her ninety-third birthday was cele-

* Asa Reid died April 13, 1814, aged 66 years.

† February, 1904.

brated on the eighteenth of March, 1903. It was hoped that a pension might be secured to be presented to her on that day, but the application was unsuccessful. Her birthdays are always appropriately remembered by the Chapter. She is deeply interested in the world's doings, is in full possession of her faculties, and enjoys reading, particularly her Bible and religious periodicals.

HARRIET (REID) CRISSEY.

The children of Charles and Harriet (Reid) Crissey were:

JAMES WALTER, b. April 24, 1831; m. (1) Mrs. Ellen A. Barnes, April 24, 1858; (2) Miss Selina Woodruff, Nov. 30, 1875; d. June 16, 1902.

CHARLES, b. July 10, 1837; m. Oct. 22, 1866, Aurelia D. Raymond of Philadelphia.

JULIUS, b. Sept. 15, 1844; m. June 2, 1867, Mary I. Abbott; d. Feb. 6, 1888.

Asa Reid, the father of Harriet (Reid) Crissey, was born in Lisbon, near Norwich (Conn.), July 29, 1748.

In the records of the

Fourth Battalion Wadsworth's Brigade
Colonel Samuel Selden's (Hadlyme) Regiment
Captain Joshua Huntington's (Norwich) Sixth Company

is found the enlistment record of Asa Reed (Reid).

This battalion was raised in June, 1776, to reinforce Washington in New York, and was caught in the retreat and panic of September 15, when New York City was abandoned* and suffered some loss. Colonel Selden was taken prisoner and died a prisoner (in New York City, October 11, 1776); also many other officers and soldiers in the regiment.†

There were eight companies in Colonel Selden's regiment, in three of which were men whose families are represented in Connecticut's list of Patriots' Daughters, viz.: 2d Company, Lieutenant Isaac Wheeler Stanton‡; 5th Company, Captain Abel Spicer§; 6th Company (Captain Joshua Huntington), Private Asa Reed.

The survivors in the regiment "remained with the army until December 25, '76, when the term of the regiment expired." The rolls are incomplete, but among the "casualties" on record is a list of the "Missing" September 15, "on Retreat from New York;" also a list of those "sick at Stamford, November 9."‖

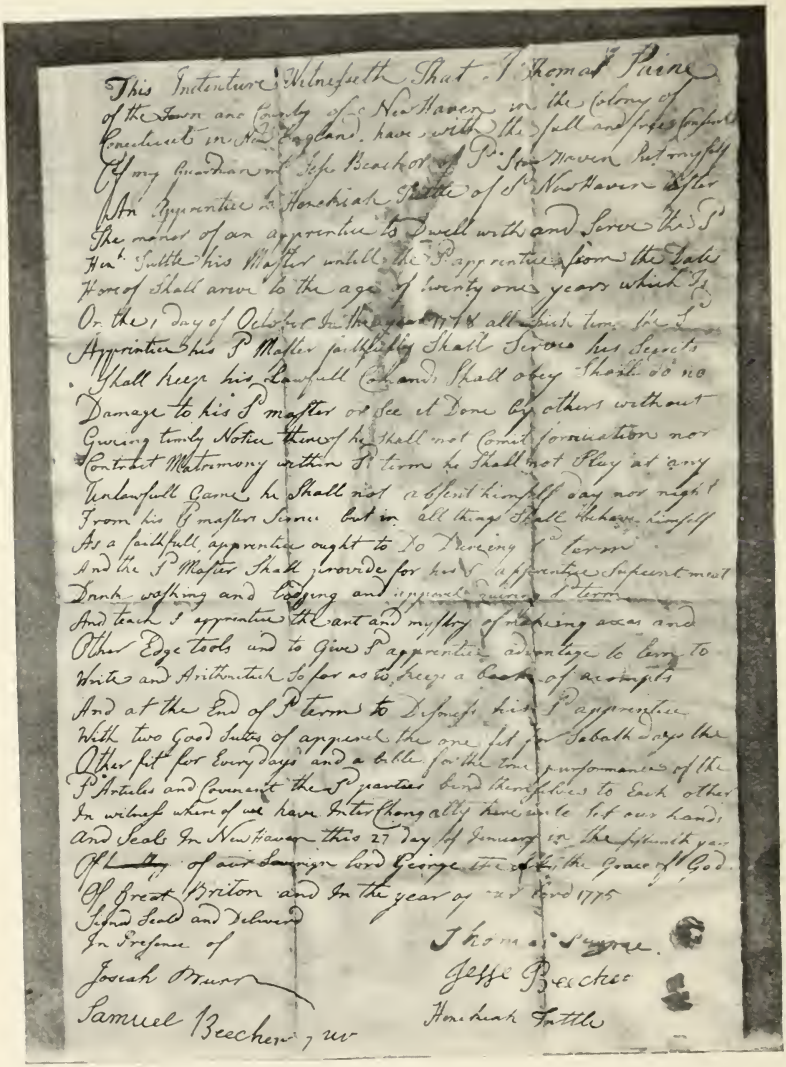
* See footnote Mahala Terry sketch, Abigail Phelps Chapter, p. 22.

† From papers in the Pension Bureau by Captain Eliphalet Holmes. (See p. 404 Conn. Men in the Revolution.)

‡ See Sarah Maria (Davis) Brayton sketch, Anna Warner Bailey Chapter, p. 49.

§ See Spicer sketch, Anna Warner Bailey Chapter, p. 39.

‖ See Conn. Men in the Revolution, p. 405.



This Indenture Witnesseth That I Thomas Paine
of the Town and County of New Haven in the Colony of
Connecticut in New England have with the full and free consent
of my Guardian Mr Jeffe Beecher of s^d New Haven Put myself
Apprentice to Hezekiah Sattle of s^d New Haven Cooper
The manner of an apprentice to Dwell with and Serve the s^d
Hez^h Sattle his Master untill the Apprentice from the Date
Hereof shall arrive to the age of twenty one years which is
On the 1 day of October in the year 1781 & all Such time for s^d
Apprentice his s^d Master faithfully Shall Serve his Secrets
Shall keep his Lawfull Cohs and Shall obey Shall do no
Damage to his s^d master or See it Done by others without
Giving timely Notice thereof he Shall not Comit fornication nor
Contract Matrimony within s^d term he Shall not Play at any
Unlawfull Game he Shall not absent himself day nor night
From his s^d masters Service but in all things Shall behave himself
As a faithfull apprentice ought to Do During s^d term
And the s^d Master Shall provide for his s^d apprentice Sufficient meat
Drink washing and lodging and Apparel during s^d term
And teach s^d apprentice the art and mystery of Hewing axes and
Other Edge tools and to Give s^d apprentice advantage to learn to
Write and Arithmetick So far as to Keep a Book of Accompts
And at the End of s^d term to Dismiss him s^d apprentice
With two Good Suits of apparel the one fit for Sabath days the
Other fit for Every days and a bible In Witness whereof the
s^d parties have Interchangably hereunto Set their hands
and Seals In New Haven this 27 day of January in the fifteenth year
Of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God
Of Great Briton and in the year of our Lord 1775
Signed Sealed and Delivered
In Presence of
Josiah Meurs
Samuel Beecher Junr

Thomas Payne
Jeffe Beecher
Hezekiah Sattle

COPY OF INDENTURE OF THOMAS PAYNE AS APPRENTICE. (1775)

BETSEY (PAYNE) IVES

THOMAS PAYNE—PATRIOT

THOMAS PAYNE was born October 1, 1758. He enlisted early in the war but the enlistment rolls of his company are missing. His discharge from the North Department is on record and is dated November 28, 1775.* Thomas Payne probably enlisted on the first call of the Connecticut Legislature for troops (April-May, 1775) in the regiments which in the summer of the same year were adopted as Continental under the command of

Colonel and Major-General David Wooster.

This regiment marched in June to New York, encamped at Harlem, and then marched (September) to join the Northern Department under the command of

Major-General Philip Schuyler,

whence under the leadership of

General Richard Montgomery,

the Connecticut patriots took part in the operations along Lakes George and Champlain, assisted in reducing St. Johns in October and were afterwards stationed in Montreal. Much sickness prevailed and many soldiers were mustered out in October and November. Thomas Payne's name is again mentioned in a roll dated September 17, 1777* as a member of a State Regiment

Captain James Peck's (Wallingford) Company †
Major John Davenport, Jr.,

of the battalion under command of

Colonel Roger Enos (Windsor).

* See Connecticut Men of the Revolution, pp. 44, 615.

† Captain James Peck was from Wallingford. He was a member of the Lexington Alarm Company from his town and served as a lieutenant. He was soon commissioned ensign, then 2d lieutenant and finally captain. In his company of September 17, 1777, were several men from New Cambridge (now Bristol), a parish of Farmington, and others who are afterwards identified with Bristol history.

An interesting relic belonging to the Hannah Woodruff Chapter is the certificate of Thomas Payne's apprenticeship at seventeen years of age, to learn the tool maker's trade. It is quaintly worded and shows the peculiar business methods of the time. It is dated June 27, 1775, and was to be binding until October 1, 1778. But the following summer finds the young apprentice serving the patriot cause in Canada, and in 1777 he is also on record as in the service.

This Indenture Witnesseth That I Thomas Paine of the Town and County of New Haven in the Colony of Connecticut have with the full and free Consent of my Guardian mr. Jesse Beach of Sd New Haven Put myself An Apprentice to Hezekiah Tuttle of Sd New Haven after the manner of an apprentice to Dwell with and Serve the Sd Hezh. Tuttle his Master untill the Sd apprentice from the Date Hereof shall arrive to the age of twenty one years which Is On the 1 day of October In the year 1778 all which time the Sd Apprentice his Sd Master faithfully Shall Serve, his Secrets shall keep, his Lawful Commands shall obey, shall do no Damage to his Sd master or see it done by others without Giving timely Notice thereof he Shall not Comit fornication or Contract Matrimony within Sd term he Shall not Play at any Unlawful Game he shall not absent himself day nor night From his Sd masters Service, but in all things Shall behave himself As a faithfull apprentice ought to Do During Sd term.

And the Sd Master Shall provide for his Sd apprentice Suficient meat Drink washing and lodging and apparel during Sd term. And teach Sd apprentice the art and mystery of making axes and Other Edge tools and to Give Sd apprentice advantage to learn to Write and Arithmetick So far as to keep a book of acompts And at the End of Sd term to Dismiss his Sd apprentice With two Good Sutes of apperel the one fit for Sabath days the Other fit for Every days and a Bible, for the true purformance of the Sd Articles and Covenant the Sd parties bind themselves to each other

In witness whereof we have Inter Changably hereunto Set our hands and Seals In New Haven this 27 day of January in the fifteenth year Of our Soverign lord George the 3rd. by the Grace of God Of Great Briton and in the year of our Lord 1775.

Signed Sealed and Delivered

In Presense of	Thomas Payne
Josiah Munn	Jesse Beecher
Samuel Beecher jur	Hezekiah Tuttle.

Three sons and three daughters were born to Thomas Payne. His wife's family name is not known; her baptismal name was Elizabeth. Thomas Payne died in Waterbury, June 29, 1835, aged seventy-seven years.

Betsey Payne, the youngest child of Thomas Payne, was born in Hartford, November 3, 1803, and married Silas Ives of Cheshire, February 1, 1826. Only one child, a daughter, who was named for her mother Elizabeth, was born to them. This daughter, born January 21, 1827, married Samuel T. Hull April 19, 1848, and died May 22, 1883.

The great age and the consequent mental and physical weakness of Mrs. Ives at the time she joined the Chapter made it difficult to obtain from her much information as to her father's family. She could recall little of her childhood, but her memory retained some incidents of her early married life. Her marriage was celebrated in church, which was unusual. While on their wedding journey her husband went hunting and by a fortunate shot killed fourteen quail at once. The young couple set up housekeeping in a house which was her home for seventy-two years.

At the age of forty she became a member of the Congregational Church of Cheshire. Her loved, only daughter died after years of invalidism, leaving in turn an only daughter, who assumed the care of her grandmother and made the last years of the aged woman happy and peaceful. Mrs. Betsey (Payne) Ives died in Cheshire on April 18, 1898, at the age of ninety-four, though conscious connection with life ended sometime before. Finally, as the Book says, "the golden bowl was broken, the silver cord was loosed and the spirit returned to God who gave it."

LOIS (JOHNSON) UPSON

LEVI JOHNSON—PATRIOT

LEVI JOHNSON, father of Mrs. Lois (Johnson) Upson, was born in February, 1762. His one recorded enlistment in the war was in the regiment commanded by

Colonel Roger Enos (Windsor)

Captain Asa Bray's Company (Southington parish).

The record states that this company enlisted for three months, that Captain Asa Bray arrived in camp July 2, 1778, and that this company was in the service of the United States of America. Levi Johnson at this time was sixteen years of age. The rolls containing the record of his definite service or later enlistments are missing. His application* for a pension gives the length of his service as fourteen months and twelve days, as a private.

In Captain Asa Bray's company at different times, or in regiments to which his companies belonged, were many patriots whose descendants now live in the towns which were once parishes of the Colonial town of Farmington. An interesting record in connection with the Fifteenth Regiment of Militia is the "Return Roll of the men detached to serve in the battalion commanded by

Lieutenant-Colonel Mead

from March 29, 1779, till November 1, 1780." There are twenty-one captains and twice as many men, all from Farmington parishes, Southington, Kensington, New Britain, Burlington (West Britain) and Bristol (New Cambridge):—Captains Asa Bray and Ambrose Sloper (Southington); Captains Hezekiah Gridley and Amos Barnes (New Cambridge); Captains Matthew Cole and Allen (Kensington). The records include also an earlier order to march

*His application is dated August 8, 1832, at which time he was seventy years old, residing in Wolcott. His third wife and widow Ruth also made application for and received a pension on the ground of such services.

to Peekskill and to muster the men "Thursday next at nine o'clock in the morning at the Meeting House in the first society in Farmington," and is signed by Noadiah Hooker, Lieutenant-Colonel, and is dated Farmington, September 17, 1777.

Levi Johnson's first marriage was in 1782 to Huldah Beecher, but the date of his second marriage is not known.* His third wife was Ruth Judd. He died in Wolcott at the age of seventy-two, December 10, 1834.

The patriot, Levi Johnson, by his first marriage to Huldah (Beecher) Johnson had eight children, namely:

Lucy, m. Leonard Harrison	Irene,
Huldah,	Merrilla,
Nancy,	Sylvia,
Salmon,	Levi.

To Levi Johnson by his second marriage to Hannah Sutliff two children were born, but the children's names have not been learned.

To Levi and Ruth (Judd) Johnson, his third wife, were born four children:

Julius,	Cordelia,
Leveret,	*Lois.*

Lois Johnson, the fourteenth child of her father, the patriot, was born in Southington, Hartford County, Conn., December 21, 1817. When twenty-one years old (in 1838) she was married to Lucian Upson of Wolcott. He was a twin brother of Lucius Upson of Southington, whose family is identified with the Colonial history of their town.

The children of Lucian and Lois (Johnson) Upson were:

Leroy, b. Jan. 14, 1840, m. (1) Nov. 26, 1862, Ardelia Tuttle, who died Dec. 13, 1875; m. (2) Jan. 3, 1877, Mrs. Esther Cook

Sophronia Elizabeth, b. June 30, 1842; m Dec 24, 1865, J. H. Garrigus.

Lucella Melissa, b. Nov. 13, 1853; m. Oct. 29, 1874, James A. Todd; d. Aug. 16, 1884.

* The records of the family were destroyed by fire in 1860, making it almost impossible to secure complete genealogical data.

When the Civil War broke out, although Mr. Upson's age would have freed him from obligation to serve in the army, he enlisted as private in Company E, Eighth Regiment, serving from October 9, 1861, to December 7, 1862. He was honorably discharged on account of ill health. Their only son, and the grandson of the Revolutionary soldier, has a record in the Civil War as follows: "enlisted, then promoted, discharged, re-enlisted, promoted and finally honorably mustered out December 12, 1865."

Mrs. Upson's faculties served her to the last. Her eyesight continued good and she sewed so well that her grandson said of her fine darning, "After grandma darns anything you could not tell where it had been mended." Thus engaged in the duties which come to the patient grandmother, she waited in her elder daughter's home, ready in God's own time to follow the loved husband and daughter who entered into rest before her. Mrs. Upson died August 23, 1900, aged eighty-three.

Ellen Tuttle Lewis.

(MRS. A. M. LEWIS.)

Authorities consulted for data used in these sketches are:

Timlow's History of Southington, and Connecticut Men in the Revolution; also genealogical records of the patriots' families furnished by Mrs. Harriet (Reid) Crissey, Mrs. Emma (Quill) Newell, Miss Harriet Higgins, Mrs. E. B. Kilbourn, Miss Antoinette Hull, Mrs. Lizzie Garrigus; also church records of Reverends Wm. Robinson and David L. Ogden.

Katharine Gaylord Chapter

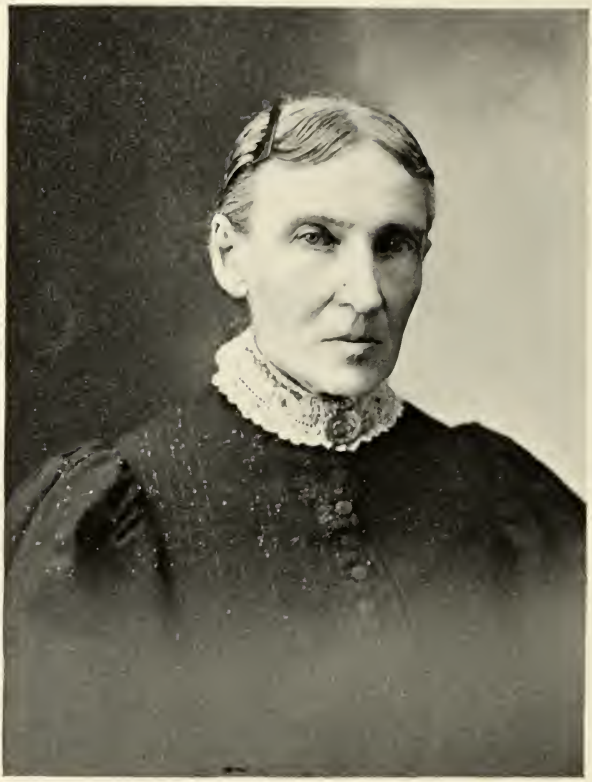
BRISTOL

Daughter	of	Patriot
MARY J. ROBBINS		EBENEZER ROBBINS —Sergeant
		RUFUS ROBBINS
		JOHN ROBBINS

Green Woods Chapter

WINSTED

Daughter	of	Patriot
MARY AUGUSTA (STEELE) CLEVELAND		JOHN STEEL



Mary J. Robbins

MARY J. ROBBINS

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—ROBBINS

IN the early days of the D. A. R., before our connection with the heroes of the American Revolution through the presence of their daughters was widely known, there came to the Regent of the Katharine Gaylord Chapter a gentle, retiring lady, who said that the speaker's father had fought in the War for American Independence. The Chapter Board promptly voted to invite this soldier's daughter to become their honorary member,—an invitation which was finally accepted by Miss Robbins. Shrinking from publicity, it required some persuasion to induce our patriot's daughter to emerge from her quiet life-corner, but filial affection prevailed and thus are preserved war reminiscences of patriot Ebenezer Robbins.

Miss Robbins was born in Ashford, Connecticut. She received her early education in Connecticut, finishing at Munson Academy, Mass., under Principals Fay and Hammond. She was a charter member of the Congregational Church at Stafford Springs, Conn., but became a member by letter of the Center Church, Hartford, in June, 1855. She resided in Hartford many years, but latterly made her home in Bristol.

The earliest mention of Miss Robbins' family in America is of Robert Robbins, who arrived about 1650. He had served as Lieutenant in the army of King Charles I. in Scotland, retaining his rank until Charles was beheaded (1648), when he crossed the seas, settled in Roxbury, Mass., and married Mary Maxwell. His son Nathaniel moved to Killingly, Conn., and married Miss —— —— Levins. Nathaniel afterward removed to Hampton, Conn. His son John (of Hampton) married Rebecca Farnham of Andover, Mass. They had thirteen children,* of whom Ebenezer, the patriot, was the sixth.

* The children of John and Rebecca Farnham Robbins were: Mary, Alice, Patience, John, Solomon, *Ebenezer*, Hannah, Nathaniel, Abigail, Jeremiah, Rebecca, Olive, Rufus.

Ebenezer Robbins was born at Hampton, Windham County, Conn., February 24, 1758, and died at Ashford, Conn., October 6, 1849. He married first Esther Alworth; second, Zeruah Carpenter of Willington, Conn. Of the eight children born to Ebenezer Robbins, five were living in 1889, at the time of the D. A. R. organization. Two, Esther, the sixth child, and Mary J. Robbins, the seventh,* became honorary members of Connecticut chapters.

Ebenezer Robbins responded to the Lexington Alarm,† under Col. Knowlton, as Sergeant from Ashford, serving twenty-three days. He re-enlisted July 19, 1775 in the Eighth Regiment under

Colonel Jedediah Huntington (Norwich)
Captain Daniel Lyon (Woodstock), Seventh Company,

which served on Long Island Sound and in Boston camps, and was discharged in December (1775). This regiment was reor-

* The children of Ebenezer Robbins, by his first marriage to Esther Alworth, were:

William Alworth, m. Mary Wallace; six children, two living.
Mary, died young.
Nelson, not living.
Edwin, m. (1) Elizabeth Goodsell; (2) Elizabeth Northrop; one son living.
Rufus, m. Almira Whiting; no children; d. March 23, 1899, at Willington.

The children by his second marriage, to Zeruah Carpenter of Willington, were:

Esther, m. George Tyler; six children, four living; resides at Union City, Michigan; an honorary member of the Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter, Meriden, Conn.
Mary J. Robbins, honorary member of Katharine Gaylord Chapter, Bristol, Conn.; d. July 17, 1901.
Ebenezer, m. Esther Stiles; one son living; d. at Bristol, July 4, 1898.

† In the list of Ashford men who served in the Lexington Alarm, the first name of a man named Robbins is not given. Tradition affirms that Ebenezer Robbins served in this company, hence the belief that the name ——— Robins in this list is his.

ganized in 1776. Ebenezer Robbins served also in the Militia Regiment commanded by

Colonel Samuel McLellan (Woodstock)
Captain Abner Robinson,

raised for one year's service from March, 1778, "till Mar. ye 1, 1779.

"This regiment appears to have served in Brigadier-General Tyler's Brigade, under Sullivan in Rhode Island" (August-September, 1778).

The list of Knowlton's Rangers in the Records is incomplete, but there is no doubt that Ebenezer Robbins was one of them, although his name does not appear. His daughter's testimony goes to prove this. She often heard him speak of being near Colonel Knowlton,—of hearing his order to the men to lie flat upon the slope of the hill as the enemy advanced upon the opposite slope before the skirmish, and of seeing him carried from the field mortally wounded at Harlem Heights. Knowlton's Rangers consisted of picked men, and Ebenezer Robbins' service in this company is pretty sure evidence of his youthful courage, endurance, and trustworthiness.

In 1778 he was in Rhode Island, having enlisted for one year's service. He was also at Princeton, Trenton, and in the retreat through New Jersey. At the Crossing of the Delaware he served his country in a unique manner—probably amusing to all but himself. As the skiffs were loading he made a flying leap for one near by. His gun landed in the boat, he landed in the icy waters, and was clutching desperately at the rail, when he felt a foot upon his shoulder and instantly a soldier tumbled over his head into the boat. Others followed with such regularity that this bewildered human bridge could but submit until his services were no longer needed, when he was hauled into the boat by his grateful and dry-shod comrades. On another occasion he and six others on furlough were passing through Jersey: a horseman without uniform, of whom they asked the way to Morristown, directed them to follow certain blazed trees to which he pointed. They soon halted at a farmhouse, where they learned that Morristown lay in quite

another direction, and that the trail which they were following would lead them into a British encampment at Brunswick, whose officers came daily to the farm. The rider proved to be a Tory of the locality. These "*rebel*" soldiers therefore faced about and soon left the author of this treachery far in the rear.

Ebenezer Robbins served probably during the war. Tradition affirms that he responded to the Lexington Alarm, and he was also with the army when it disbanded. His name is on the Pension Lists, also on the War Records, and his daughter remembers hearing him say more than fifty years after the war that he could at any time obtain more evidence of service, if it were necessary.

His brother Rufus served as a private in the Connecticut Light Infantry. His brother John was also in service—as is shown in the Records and verified by Miss Robbins; Nathaniel Robbins wintered at Valley Forge, and Jeremiah was one of the crew of the frigate *Confederacy*.

Ebenezer Robbins was a member of the Congregational Church at Ashford, and so consistent was his life with his profession that as his daughter states, "profanity was seldom ventured upon in his presence." He was as conscientious a citizen as he was brave as a soldier. Although living seven miles from the "polling place," yet he was never absent from a town meeting if a vote were to be cast. He was a Federalist, Whig, and Republican, always opposing slavery and prophesying that it would end in civil war.

Self-reliance and self-respect and reticence seem to have been among the characteristics handed down by this soldier to his daughter; and it is a pleasure to place her name upon the Roll of Honor in the D. A. R. order as a worthy daughter of a Revolutionary father.

Florence E. D. Muzzy.

(MRS. ADRIAN J. MUZZY.)

Authority for Ebenezer Robbins' services in War of the American Revolution:

Connecticut Records.

Connecticut Men of the Revolution, pp. 5, 89, 121, 544, 636, 657, 663.

Recollections and notes of Miss Mary J. Robbins.

MARY AUGUSTA (STEELE) CLEVELAND

JOHN STEEL—PATRIOT

MARY AUGUSTA (STEELE) CLEVELAND is a descendant in the seventh generation of George Steel, who with his brother, John Steel, came with Roger Ludlow and others* in 1635 to Connecticut, where the name has since been continuously represented for two hundred and sixty years. John Steel, the patriot, was a copper-smith; his second wife, the mother of Mrs. Cleveland, our "Patriot's Daughter," was Lucy (Smith) Saxton, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Weston) Smith, of Ashford, Conn. Their home was on the west side of the South Green in Hartford, where this youngest child, Mary Augusta, was born March 19, 1818. The household attended Christ Church, where Mary Augusta was baptized and confirmed, and where, on October 7, 1841, she married Charles M. Cleveland of old Winsted stock, who was becoming known in Hartford as a rising young journalist of literary tastes. Then, like their English ancestors, these young people turned their faces westward, going first to Nashville, Tennessee, whither with six others they drove with their own horses and carriages, the journey occupying thirty-two days, only one of which was rainy. Some carefully preserved letters give many interesting details of this journey, compared with which our modern trips seem rather trivial events.

Mr. Cleveland soon made his permanent home in St. Louis, where he followed commercial reporting until his death, April 3, 1861. His bereaved wife remained in the West until 1874, when she came to Winsted, where she now resides.

Brought up in the Episcopal faith, Mrs. Cleveland was taught a reason for her belief, and exemplifies it by works of usefulness.

* See early Connecticut history.

MARY AUGUSTA (STEELE) CLEVELAND.

Her many years of childless widowhood have been solaced by deeds of benevolence and mercy, and in her old age she takes part in missionary and temperance work, and is faithful to every church observance.

She was admitted to the National Society December 2, 1897, as a charter member of Green Woods Chapter, and on her membership application she wrote, "I am in my eightieth year."

John Steel, the patriot, was a son of James Steel,* and was born October 9, 1759. He became a member of the State Militia at an early age and went with the Thirteenth Regiment, Colonel Benjamin Hinman, through the New York and Long Island campaign of 1776. On June 3, 1777, at the age of seventeen, he enlisted "for three years or the war" under

Captain Caleb Bull (Hartford?) (?)

He was transferred to

Captain Charles Whiting's (Middletown) Company

in

Colonel Samuel B. Webb's (Wethersfield) Regiment

of Additional Infantry of the Continental Line. He served his full time as private soldier and musician,† and was discharged‡ June 3, 1780.

* Children of James Steel of Hartford:
Jonathan, b. Feb. 16, 1751.
Mary, b. May 11, 1753.
James, b. March 31, 1755.
Ruth, b. Sept. 13, 1757.
John, b. Oct. 9, 1759.
Hepzibah, b. Feb. 26, 1762.
Anne, b. May 26, 1765.
George, b. June 4, 1766.
William, b. April 19, 1769.

† In the list of pensioners, John Steel is classed among the musicians. His application is on file in the county clerk's office, Hartford. See also Connecticut Men in the Revolution, pp. 636, 666. His daughter knows that he was a musician in the army, and she remembers that he used to play for his children on a wind instrument.

‡ Connecticut Men in the Revolution, pp. 246, 251.

In July, 1782, John Steel married Sarah Bull (daughter of Aaron Bull), by whom he had the following children:

John, b. Feb. 6, 1783.
Samuel, b. Sept. 6, 1785.
Manning, b. Jan. 17, 1787.
George, b. July 3(?), 1795.
Rebecca, b. Jan. 23, 1797.

No further information can be found in regard to these children by his first wife, the date of whose death is unknown. On July 21, 1810, he married (2) Lucy (Smith) Saxton, widow, who was born in 1777, and died October 29, 1829. Their children were:

Frances Ann, b. March 2, 1811; m. Henry Bolles of Hartford, son of Benj. and Mary (Morley) Bolles; d. May 8, 1891.
Henry Tudor, b. Jan. 22, 1813; d. April 27, 1826.
Mary Augusta, b. March 19, 1818; m. Oct. 7, 1841, Charles Miller Cleveland, son of James C. and Philenda (Miller) Cleveland of Winsted.

John Steel died February 27, 1830, having survived his second wife but a few months.

Emily Perkins Roberts.
(MRS. HARVEY L. ROBERTS.)

Lucretia Shaw Chapter

NEW LONDON

Daughters of	Patriots
CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA BURBECK	HENRY BURBECK —Brevet Major
HARRIET (FORSYTH) SMITH	LATHAM FORSYTH
CAROLINE (HOLT) CLARK	EBENEZER HOLT
ASENATH HOWE	ISRAEL HOWE

The inscription on the monument in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London, erected in 1850, to Henry Burbeck—Patriot, is:

Brigadier General Henry Burbeck.

Born in Boston, Mass., June 8th, 1754.
Died at New London, Oct. 2nd, 1848.

The Mass. Society of the Cincinnati dedicate this monument to the memory of their late honorable President. He was an officer of the army of the United States from the Revolutionary War until near the close of his life. By a patriotic and faithful discharge of the trying and responsible duties of a gallant soldier, and an exemplary citizen, he became as justly and eminently distinguished, as he was rightfully and universally respected.

Erected MDCCCL.

CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA BURBECK

HENRY BURBECK, BREVET BRIGADIER-GENERAL

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI, MASSACHUSETTS

MISS BURBECK was a daughter of Brevet Brigadier-General Henry Burbeck, whose service as an artillery officer extended over forty years during one of the most interesting periods of American history, and whose services during the Revolutionary period were of great value to the cause.

General Burbeck was born in Boston, June 8, 1754. He spent the early years of his life at Castle William (now Fort Independence) in Boston harbor with his father as his instructor. On May 19, 1775, he received his first commission as Lieutenant of Artillery, signed by Dr. Joseph Warren, President of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress.

He served throughout the siege of Boston and was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant January 1, 1776. He was on duty in the Continental Army in New York City and in New York State. On January 1, 1777, he was promoted to the rank of Captain Lieutenant and shortly afterwards received instructions to join the army under Washington. Thenceforth his service during the war was constantly with the artillery of that army. He participated in the campaigns of the year 1777 in Pennsylvania, and was promoted to the rank of Captain; he was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and in winter quarters at Valley Forge. He was also in the battle of Monmouth, and was with the army in the campaigns of 1779 and 1780 in New York and New Jersey, and in the operations in 1781 before the British lines in New York. He was stationed in the Highlands of the Hudson until after the official announcement of the cessation of hostilities on April 18, 1783. On September 30, 1783, he was promoted to the rank of Major by

brevet, and on November 23, 1783, he had the satisfaction of entering the City of New York on its evacuation by General Sir Guy Carleton and the British forces. His subsequent artillery duty was at West Point until January 1, 1784, when he was honorably discharged after a continuous field service of nearly nine years.

After the war, Major Burbeck continued in the army, doing excellent service and rising step by step, until he was appointed Brigadier-General by brevet on July 10, 1812. When army reduction was made in June, 1815, he was honorably discharged after a distinguished service of nearly thirty-eighty years. On July 4, 1816, he became President of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Massachusetts. He died at New London October 2, 1848, and the Order of the Cincinnati of his native State erected a handsome granite monument to his memory in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Charlotte A. Burbeck was born March 8, 1818. She inherited many of the traits of her father. His rectitude, patriotism, courtesy and sociability were strongly marked features also of her character. For many years before her death Miss Burbeck was an invalid, but her unfailing cheerfulness and patience endeared her to many friends and made the care bestowed upon her by two brothers who survive her a loving service. She died at New London, July 13, 1897, and was buried near the monument erected to her father.

General Henry A. Burbeck, born June 8, 1754; married (1) Abigail Webb of Bath, Maine; married (2) Lucy E. (Rudd) Caldwell, widow of Captain Henry Caldwell, U. S. Marine Corps, December 15, 1813; she died February 23, 1880; he died October 2, 1848.

The children by his second wife (born to him after he was sixty years old) were:

Susan H., m. Lieut. A. Kibby, U. S. A.
Charlotte Augusta, b. March 8, 1818; d. July 13, 1897.
Henry William, died young.
Mary Elizabeth, m. Chandler Smith of New York.
William Henry, unmarried; still living (1904).
John Cathcart, unmarried; still living (1904).

Authority: Article by Asa Bird Gardiner in Magazine of American History for April, 1883; and Family Records.

HARRIET (FORSYTH) SMITH

LATHAM FORSYTH—PATRIOT

THE Forsyths came from the Highlands of Scotland, and were among the first settlers of Hartford, Conn. (about 1637).

Gilbert Forsyth is mentioned among the "Hatfield Souldjers" in 1675. He was in the "Falls Fight," May 19, 1676. He was a resident of Hartford, Conn., 1682.

James Forsyth, probably his son, married September 9, 1708, Hannah Lester, probably daughter of Andrew and Lydia Bailey Lester. They had twelve children. Timothy, their son (born February 13, 1718), married Ruth ———.

Latham Forsyth, the patriot, was the son of Timothy and of Ruth Forsyth. Latham Forsyth was born in Montville, New London County, Conn., in 1761, and died at Salem, Conn., October 3, 1835. He entered the Continental Army in extreme youth, enlisting in New London and serving first under

Captain Richard Deshon.

He served* more than two years with the Connecticut State troops.

* From Latham Forsyth's pension papers in the Pension Office at Washington, D. C.

Dates of Enlistments	Length of Service	Rank	Officers under whom Service was Rendered		State
			Captain	Colonel	
1776.....	6 months	Private	Richard Deshon	Selden	Connecticut
1777	3 "	"	—— Nillett	Not stated	"
1778.....	6 "	"	Avery and Beebe	" "	"
1779.....	3 "	"	—— Hardin	" "	"
1780.....	3 "	"	—— Latham	" "	"

Latham Forsyth's brother, named William, is also on the pension list of Connecticut Men in the Revolution

HOME OF THE FORSYTH FAMILY, SALEM, NEW LONDON COUNTY, CONN.

(Front view.)

It was not until 1832 that he applied for a pension, and then only at the solicitation of a friend,* who remarked when Mr. Forsyth said he could live without it, "You are entitled to it, and I shall procure it for you," which he did, and, sending for Mr. Forsyth to receive the first payment, he pinned the bunch of bills inside Mr. Forsyth's coat so that they should not be lost.

Mr. Forsyth was twice married, and seventeen children were born to him.

The children of Latham Forsyth and his first wife, Eleanor Fox, were:

Sarah, b. Oct. 7, 1785; m. Ralph Gillette.
Elisha, b. Jan. 7, 1787.
Thomas, b. July 23, 1791; m. (1) Esther, (2) Lucretia Browning.
Ruth, b. Aug. 17, 1795; m. (1) Elias Jones, (2) ——— Kellogg.
Anna, b. July 3, 1796; m. ——— Palmer.
Eleanor, b. July 20, 1798; m. Dea. Elisha Congdon.
Nabygail, b. Feb. 28, 1800; m. ——— Kellogg.

The children of Latham Forsyth and his second wife, Abigail Lee,† were:

Sanford, b. July 6, 1805.
Maria, b. Feb. 28, 1807.
Jane, b. Nov. 6, 1809; m. Russell Hinkley.
Henry, b. March 20, 1811; m. Caroline Caswell.
Edmund, b. Aug. 27, 1813.
Latham, b. Dec. 1, 1815.
Harriet, b. March 20, 1817; m. Capt. Samuel P. Smith.
George, b. Jan. 20, 1820; m. Julia A. Latham.
Augustus, b. Sept. 23, 1823.
Noyes, b. Oct. 13, 1826.

* Major Perkins of New London.
† Abigail Lee, daughter of Edgecomb Lee and of Abigail (Thompson) Lee.

Harriet (Forsyth) Smith, the daughter of Latham Forsyth and of Abigail Lee, his wife, was born in Salem, New London County, Conn., March 20, 1817. She was married August 2, 1841, to Captain Samuel Prentice Smith of New London. She has no children; she makes her home in New London, where she is cared for by a niece who lives with her, and where she is cheerfully and peace-

HOME OF THE FORSYTH FAMILY.
(Rear view, showing the well-sweep.)

fully passing her declining years, with her faculties unimpaired, and her interest in all current events unabated. Her life has been a tranquil one—with no stirring events to record, such as made her father's early life eventful, but the sturdy fibre of her character would prove her courageous and devoted if occasion called. Mrs. Smith was seventy-nine years of age at the time of her entrance into Lucretia Shaw Chapter.

CAROLINE (HOLT) CLARK

EBENEZER HOLT—PATRIOT

AROLINE (HOLT) CLARK numbers among her ancestors Elder Brewster of Mayflower fame and the Christophers and Manwarings so well known in the early annuals of New London. She is the daughter of Ebenezer Holt, 2d, of New London, and of Elizabeth Christopher, his wife.

At the time of the burning of New London by Arnold, Elizabeth Christopher lived with her brother Peter in the old Christopher mansion still standing on Bank street. She was then fifteen years old, and taking her brother's children and a little slave girl, they left the house, carrying the family silver to a safe place in the outskirts of the town. As the Christopher family, however, was personally acquainted with Arnold, the house was saved by Arnold's orders in the general conflagration.

Ebenezer Holt, 2d, enlisted at New London at the early age of seventeen years and served in Rhode Island.

In 1778 two regiments of Connecticut Militia were in service in the State of Rhode Island; one regiment* under Colonel Obadiah Johnson with five companies was stationed at Providence and was engaged for two months, arriving in camp in January.†

In August (1778) another body of Connecticut Militia under

Brigadier-General John Tyler (Preston)

served in Rhode Island under

Major-General Sullivan,

and engaged in the attempt to dislodge the British from Newport.† Ebenezer Holt, 2d, saw service in this regiment, commanded by

Colonel Samuel Chapman (Tolland)
Captain Seth W. Holmes' Company.

* Benjamin Palmer and Hambleton Grant were in this regiment. See Anne Brewster Fanning sketch and Anne Wood Elderkin sketch.

† Connecticut Men in the Revolution, pp. 525, 530.

There were six other companies in this regiment,* which was present at the battle of Rhode Island, August 29, 1778.

Ebenezer Holt, 2d, was born August 15, 1760. He married June 12, 1786, Elizabeth Christopher; he died June 30, 1835; she died June 18, 1851. Their children were:

John C., b. May 2, 1787; d. in Martinique, July 29, 1809.
Lucretia, b. Jan. 3, 1789; m. James Allen, Feb., 1815.
Christopher, b. June 10, 1790; d. April 22, 1822.
Joanna, b. Dec. 25, 1791; d. July 30, 1793.
Joanna, b. Jan. 21, 1794; m. Jason A. Rodgers, March, 1816; d. Oct. 27, 1846.
Elizabeth, b. Feb. 6, 1796; m. Lester Fox; d. Dec. 31, 1816.
Mary Mumford, b. March 4, 1798; m. Enoch Ames.
Abby Starr, b. Jan. 23, 1800; m. Feb. 5, 1832, Enoch Ames.
Francis William, b. June 6, 1802; m. Jan. 4, 1832, Jane Harris.
Caroline, b. Jan. 31, 1804; m. Charles H. Clark.
Ebenezer, b. Sept. 27, 1805; d. Aug. 26, 1819.

Mrs. Clark was born in Waterford, January 31, 1804, and died April 8, 1903, aged ninety-eight years. She married Charles H. Clark, who died in 1869. They had eight children, four daughters and four sons;† of these two daughters and one son are living. Mrs. Clark lived in New London with her two unmarried daughters, passing her last days in peaceful day by day living. She was a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and until a few years ago, when she sustained a fall which prevented her from walking, she was accustomed to walk over a mile and a quarter to church, stepping off so lightly that many a younger person paused when passing to admire her activity. The years dimmed but slightly her judgment, memory and ready wit, and she endeared herself to many hearts by her cheerfulness and unfailing faith.

Mrs. Clark's application papers were accepted by the National Board of Management on May 2, 1895.

Authority: Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution, page 532.
Holt Genealogy.

* Jonathan Hopkins and Samuel Davis were in this regiment. See Abigail Phelps sketch and Anna Warner Bailey sketch.

† Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Clark's children were named and married, as follows: Frederick A., m. Rebecca Patt; Julius A., m. Margaret Cook; Robert E., m. Susan Champion; Enoch Douglass, d. at seven years of age; Mary A.; Jane E.; Caroline A., d. —— ——.

ASENATH HOWE

ISRAEL HOWE—PATRIOT

ASENATH HOWE, daughter of Israel Howe and of Hannah Washburn, his wife, was born in Stafford, Conn., June 21, 1801. It is impossible to give the details of the Revolutionary services of her father, the patriot, as all his records, pension and business papers, Bible and family records were lost in the fire that destroyed his home in his old age. He was born September 8, 1759, and entered the army* when about twenty years of age; he was a pensioner under the Act of 1832, which proves that he served for more than two years; he is also on the list of pensioners of 1840 and is recorded as being then eighty-one years old. He was a member of the Militia Regiment† that served at West Point in September, 1781, under

Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Canfield (New Milford)
Major Hezekiah Huntington (Windham).

He was also for some time at Fort Griswold in Groton, Conn.

Miss Howe remembered some of the tales her father used to tell, most of them relating to the time he spent at Fort Griswold in Groton. When there he helped to dig the well inside the fort "through the solid rock." An old letter gives her words, "some looked upon it as a fruitless effort; one man made the remark that he hoped to die if they got a well of water, and he was taken at his word and died the day water was reached." While at Fort Griswold the men suffered from lack of food and often the soldiers raided the oven of a neighboring housewife, taking the bread she had made for her household, to some secret place where it could be eaten without discovery.

* Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution, pages 581, 656, 665.

† Azariah Sawyer and Job Candee were in this same company. See Anne Wood Elderkin sketch and Sarah Ludlow sketch.

Miss Howe's life was spent entirely in Stafford. She was the only unmarried daughter in a family of twelve, and her life was spent in home duties; the care of her parents, who lived to an advanced age, of an invalid brother and later of a blind sister, filled up the measure of her days. At the age of seventy-five she fell, injuring herself so seriously that for twenty years, she was obliged to live in an invalid's chair. She retained much of her mental vigor to the last, though sight and hearing were impaired, and in a voice that bore witness to its old time power and sweetness she sang many of the hymns that had been dear to her for nearly a century. Miss Howe, at the age of ninety-four years, became a member of Lucretia Shaw Chapter (October 3, 1895), and prized highly the gift of the National souvenir spoon because of its significance. She died in Stafford, August 17, 1899, in her ninety-ninth year, at her death being the oldest person in the town.

Israel Howe of Stafford, married Hannah Washburn, December 2, 1784; died April 16, 1845. Hannah Washburn died August 27, 1850. Their children were:

Betsey, b. Feb. 16, 1785; m. James Paddleford; d. May 23, 1852.
Polly, b. Feb. 16, 1785; m. Horace Orcutt; d. Aug. 24, 1853.
Asa, b. March 21, 1787; m. Huldah Converse; d. Oct. 10, 1844.
Eli, b. April 27, 1789; m. Mary Johnson; d. Aug. 27, 1845.
Hannah, b. 1791; m. Noah Cummings; d. Jan. 4, 1862.
Lucinda, b. Feb. 17, 1794; m. (1) Pachard Edson, (2) George Puffer; d. ——
Sally, b. Nov. 26, 1796; m. Daniel Edson; d. Nov. 17, 1857.
Achsah, b. Dec. 16, 1798; m. James Francis; d. Nov. 25, 1871.
Asenath, b. June 21, 1801; d. Aug. 17, 1899, aged ninety-eight.
Eleanor, b. Feb. 24, 1804; m. Marvin Cummings; d. Oct. 23, 1888.
Parley, b. ——— ———; m. Rhoda Strond; d. Dec. 24, 1871, aged sixty-five.
Dabford, b. ——— ———; unmarried; d. Aug. 14, 1854.

Alice Chew.

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Mary Silliman Chapter

BRIDGEPORT

Daughters of	Patriots
	ABRAHAM PINTO SOLOMON PINTO —Ensign
CAROLINE (PINTO) HUBBELL	WILLIAM PINTO
ABBY HOLT	NATHANIEL HOLT
AUGUSTA (WAY) TULLER	ISAAC WAY

CAROLINE (PINTO) HUBBELL.

CAROLINE (PINTO) HUBBELL

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—PINTO

ON the membership roll of the Mary Silliman Chapter are the names of three patriots' daughters, who were for several years living links between the present and the eventful past, which our organization commemorates.

Mrs. Caroline (Pinto) Hubbell was born in the "City of Elms" in 1819. Her father, William Pinto, was born December 16, 1760, and died December 10, 1847, in New Orleans. Her mother was Lauretta Packard, the third wife of William Pinto. Caroline was one of seventeen children, and her early home was on State street, New Haven, just below her grandfather Jacob Pinto's house.

Jacob Pinto was the first of his name in New Haven. His house was built in 1745, of brick which he imported from Holland, and is the oldest brick house in New Haven.* William Pinto was the youngest of several sons, all born in this house. He entered Yale in 1773, with two of his brothers, at the age of thirteen, and graduated in 1777. When the British invaded New Haven in 1779, he and his brothers and many of the college men, graduates and undergraduates, armed themselves and took part in the struggle. One of his brothers was wounded in the knee and one was taken prisoner and carried to England. Later William Pinto was one of the garrison of the fort at New London. On the morning of the day when the fort was stormed, he was sent out with despatches, and thus escaped the massacre of the garrison (September 6, 1781).

The three sons of Jacob Pinto, Abraham, Solomon and William, served in the army. Abraham Pinto enlisted July 8, 1775, and served to December 20, 1775, in the Seventh Regiment, commanded by

Colonel Charles Webb

Captain Eli Leavenworth (New Haven) Tenth Company.

* Historical Landmarks of Connecticut, p. 10. This house is still standing, on the east side of State street, north of Grand street. Both Jacob Pinto's home and William Pinto's are still standing. William Pinto's garden was cut in twain by the Northampton Canal, in which are now the tracks of the Consolidated Railroad.

This regiment was stationed first at various places along the sound until September 14. It was then ordered to Boston Camps, and there adopted as Continental.

Abraham Pinto is again mentioned as among the wounded at New Haven, July 5, 1779, at the time of the invasion. In this list of casualties twenty-three are recorded as killed and twelve were taken prisoners. In the list of wounded, Dr. Daggett, the president of Yale, who headed a body of men in that memorable defense, is named first. There were fifteen wounded, and Abraham Pinto's name is twelfth.

Solomon Pinto, the second son, is recorded as having been appointed Ensign, March 18, 1780, in the Seventh* Regiment, Connecticut Line

Colonel Heman Swift (Cornwall).

He was also in service and of the same rank from 1781 to 1783

Second Regiment, Connecticut Line
Colonel Heman Swift
Captain Baldwin's Company (Killingworth)
Ensign Solomon Pinto (New Haven).

The three sons of Jacob Pinto were students at Yale College. Two, Solomon and William, were graduated in the Class of 1777. In the Yale Annals is the following statement, under Solomon's name, Class of 1777: "Solomon Pinto had a younger brother (William) as classmate. His older brother (Abraham) was also a member of Yale, but left without graduating.†

"At the invasion of New Haven by the British, July 5, 1779, Solomon Pinto was taken prisoner, but released almost immediately. In March, 1780, he received an appointment as Ensign in the Seventeenth Connecticut Line, but does not seem to have actually gone into the field until the following October, when the regiment was in the Highlands. He retired from service at the general disbandment in June, 1783, and returned to New Haven, where he afterwards resided. He died in New Haven, March 18, 1824, in his sixty-sixth year."

Solomon Pinto was a member of the Cincinnati and a pensioner of 1818.

* For Solomon Pinto's enrollment in the Seventh Regiment, (not Seventeenth as given in the Yale Annals) see Connecticut Men in the Revolution, page 218.

† See the date of his enlistment above.

William Pinto entered Yale in 1773, and graduated in 1777. Of William Pinto the Yale Annals state: "He was noted while in College for his exquisite penmanship, and prided himself in his old age on having transcribed the Declaration of Independence at the time of its issue for President Daggett, and for Governor Jonathan Trumbull.

"Immediately after graduation he was engaged in teaching school in Groton. . . . He was on duty at Fort Trumbull in New London, and on the morning of September 6, 1781, carried the news of Arnold's invading expedition to Governor Trumbull at Lebanon.

"After the war he went to the Island of Trinidad and there engaged in teaching school. Later he formed a partnership with his brother Abraham and carried on the shipping trade between New Haven and Trinidad, thus becoming an extensive West Indian merchant. Later he returned to New Haven, but left here about 1835 for New York City. He finally removed to New Orleans, where he died December 10, 1847, aged eighty-seven years."

William Pinto was three times married and was the father of seventeen children. He married first Fanny Hamilton, by whom he had six children; second, Urania Clark, by whom he had three sons and three daughters, Edwin, Horace, Alfred, and Harriet (who married a Harrison.)* He was married to his third wife in New York City by Bishop Hobart on October 3, 1816. His third wife was Lauretta, daughter of Charles and Lydia (Drown) Packard, of Norton, Mass. William Pinto was fifty-six years of age and his bride, "a noted beauty of Norton, Mass.," was nineteen years old. By this marriage there were born five children to William Pinto, namely:

Maria Louise, b. Sept. 2, 1817, in New Haven; m. Feb. 14, 1843, Stephen Decatur Button; d. May 23, 1848.

Caroline, b. July 30, 1819, in New Haven; m. (1st) Sept. 9, 1838, John P. Hadley of New York; m. (2d) Oct. 22, 1855, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Harvey Hubbell. Harvey Hubbell died July 2, 1882, aged eighty-five years.

Charles, b. Aug. 8, 1821; d. Aug. 20, 1823.

Francis Effingham, b. June 30, 1823; m. Jan. 6, 1852, Jessie Laimbeer of Amsterdam, N. Y.

Augusta Lauketta, b. July 22, 1824; m. Jan. 27, 1851, John Laimbeer.

* The names of William Pinto's children by his first wife and of two daughters by his second wife were sought for, but not obtained; the same is true of other data concerning William Pinto's children by his first and second marriages.

William Pinto was said to be a person of fine and courteous manners, a true gentleman of the old school, and was held in high esteem as a citizen.

Three children of the patriot are living (1904), namely, Caroline, Francis Effingham, and Augusta Lauretta Laimbeer.

Francis Effingham Pinto was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the First New York Volunteers and promoted Brevet Captain during the Mexican War. He entered the service again during the Civil War as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Thirty-second New York Volunteers and was finally commissioned Brigadier-General.

When fifteen years of age Caroline Pinto was placed in charge of her maternal grandmother in Brooklyn, while her parents took a voyage to Trinidad, West Indies, in one of their own vessels, for the benefit of her mother's health. In Brooklyn Caroline's education was completed and here was her home for many years. She has been twice married.

Caroline Pinto, by her first marriage to John Hadley, had two children: George Francis, born June 10, 1839, living in Bridgeport; Thomas Jefferson, born October 20, 1840; died November 5, 1843.

Caroline Pinto, by her second marriage to Harvey Hubbell, had three children: Carrie Lauretta, born September 9, 1856; died February 24, 1857; Harvey Hubbell, born December 22, 1857, living in Bridgeport; Carrie, born September 6, 1861; died December 1, 1882.

Mrs. Hubbell is a lady of fine mind and pleasing manners and has an abundance of this world's goods. Although in her eighty-fifth year, she is in touch with the events of the day. She superintends her city home in Bridgeport during the winter, and her country home in Long Hill (Trumbull) every summer, as devoted to the interests of her children and grandchildren as in her earlier days. Harvey Hubbell, one of her sons, is a member of the Connecticut S. A. R., and her brother, General Francis E. Pinto, is a "patriot's son" in the New York Society of S. A. R.

Authorities: Yale Annals, Class of 1777.
Connecticut Men of the Revolution, pp. 84, 553; 218, 325, 360, 373, 636; 631.

ABBY HOLT

NATHANIEL HOLT—PATRIOT

ABBY HOLT.
(Ninety-three years old.)

THE first "real daughter" to enter the Mary Silliman Chapter was Miss Abby Holt. Her birthplace was "Old Norwich Town," called the most picturesque town in Connecticut, and the birthplace of the first Revolutionary Ode, "The American Hero." Miss Holt is ninety-three years old and is the youngest of the twelve children of Nathaniel and Abigail (Stanton) Holt. She was born October 21, 1811, and was two and a half years old at the time of her father's death. Thenceforth, on account of their limited means, each of this numerous family of children was expected to assist the mother in the support of the family. Abby Holt's labors towards this end began when she was eight years of age. She remained in her native town until she was fifty years old. Then the book-bindery in which she was employed was removed to New York, and for several years she lived in New York. Then she came to Bridgeport, and here she has resided for twenty-five years. For the last eight years she has lived in the

Widow's Home. Her life for three-quarters of a century was one of constant toil, which appears to have been cheerfully borne, and she has often been able to confer benefits on those less fortunate around her. Her sunny face beams with patience and benevolence.

Abby Holt's father lived in those stirring days when our grand sires were struggling against British oppression. The desire to defend his country fired his young heart and he joined the Continental Army in Captain Stanton's Company of Norwich.

Colonel Henry Sherburne (R. I.) commanded one of the "additional" regiments ordered by Congress for the Continental Army in 1777. Three of its six companies were raised in Connecticut under Lieutenant-Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs (Middletown). Nathaniel Holt enlisted first on April 3, 1778, in one of these companies, viz., that of

Captain Amos Stanton (Groton).

On May 1, 1780, this regiment was disbanded and the men distributed among other commands. Nathaniel Holt and others were transferred to the regiment of

Colonel S. B. Webb (Wethersfield).

Nathaniel Holt's next recorded service was from January 1, 1781, to December 31, 1781, in

Colonel S. B. Webb's Regiment
Captain Samuel William Williams' (Wethersfield) Company.

This was the eventful year of the war. In January the regiment went into winter quarters in Camp "Connecticut Village." The spring season was spent in drilling and fatigue duty. On June 21st the Connecticut Line marched for Peekskill. From here the troops moved down nearer New York and took position at Phillipsburg, near Dobb's Ferry (July, 1781).

The French army under Rochambeau marched across Connecticut and took up their position with the Connecticut Line. With these combined forces Washington made a grand reconnoissance of the enemy's defences on New York Island, and then returned to Phillipsburg. On August 19, leaving General Heath in command on the Hudson, Washington began his famous march southward,

which ended in the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown* (October 19, 1781).

Nathaniel Holt's term expired December 31, 1781. At its expiration he returned home and married Abigail Stanton, a descendant of the Thomas Stanton line. He died in Norwich, April 8, 1814, before any pensions had been granted by Congress to surviving soldiers. A pension was, however, obtained for his wife, Abby Holt's mother, in 1840, when she was seventy-five years old, but death claimed her before she could enjoy its benefits.

Authority for Nathaniel Holt's service and for widow's pension: Connecticut Men in the Revolution, pp. 256, 335, 661.

* Compiled from Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution, pp. 303, 304, 305.

AUGUSTA (WAY) TULLER

ISAAC WAY—PATRIOT

THE oldest Patriot's Daughter in the Mary Silliman Chapter was Mrs. Augusta (Way) Tuller. In her ninety-third year she was in full possession of her faculties, and was able to attend church and the meetings of the Chapter. She lived ninety-six years and five months, and appeared many years younger. Mrs. Tuller was the youngest of thirteen children, and was born July 18, 1805, in a farm house amid the hills of "Ancient Historic Woodbury," Connecticut. She was the daughter of Isaac and Mercy (Baldwin) Way, and through her maternal grandparents, Ephraim and Sarah (Warner) Baldwin, Mrs. Tuller had a kinship with Colonel Seth Warner of Ticonderoga fame.

Her father, at eighteen years of age, joined the army in 1775 with other volunteers from Woodbury. Mrs. Tuller recalled many stories told by her father, of the part he took in the battle of Bunker Hill; of his march to the North with Colonel Hinman to strengthen the garrisons at Ticonderoga and Crown Point; of the care of the sick; of the pride he felt when called upon at one time to hold General Washington's horse, and of his being a pensioner. Both Mrs. Tuller and a grandson of the patriot remember his story of the defenses at Bunker Hill. Beef barrels were filled with sand and stood on the top of the hill in readiness to be rolled down upon the British. The same grandson* recalls the patriot's account of his gun bursting when firing in a skirmish; immediately he picked up another gun and kept on firing, not aware that his gun in bursting had wounded his hand.

Isaac Way was in the Fourth Regiment Continental Army commanded by

Colonel Benjamin Hinman (Woodbury)
Major Samuel Elmore (Sharon).

* Deacon C. M. Minor of Bridgeport, who was thirty years of age when his grandfather died.

An account of the march of Colonel Hinman's Regiment to Ticonderoga and of the Canada expedition is given in the Hinman record.* After their arrival at Fort George, before they sailed across Lake George for Ticonderoga (as reported in Bayze Wells' Journal†), two weeks were spent in making oars (at Kingsbury). On July 3d they "set sail over the Lake"; on the 4th they "marched as far as Ticonderoga"; on the 5th Bayze Wells was detailed "Sergt. of fatigue party, which cut the road from Ticonderoga to the Point" (Crown Point).

The account, as given in Bayze Wells' Journal, is a fair record of the services rendered by many of the private soldiers who marched from Connecticut at this time—Isaac Way going from Woodbury, Colonel Hinman's native town. Under date of September 7, 1775, Isaac Way's name is found on the list‡ of discharged men in Colonel Hinman's Regiment and among the sick bills§ of this year is one for the expenses of a man named Way of Colonel Hinman's Regiment—reported as being at Stillwater.

Isaac Way‖ re-enlisted December 15, 1775, for one year in

Colonel Charles Webb's Regiment
Captain Nathaniel Tuttle's Company.

They were in Boston Camps from December to March (1776). They then marched under Washington to New York and served in that vicinity from April to the close of the year (1776); assisted in fortifying the city; ordered to the Brooklyn front August 27; closely engaged in the Battle of White Plains, October 28.¶

* Maria (Hinman) Pulford sketch, Melicent Porter Chapter.

† Connecticut Historical Society. Collections, Vol. VII. Bayze Wells' Journal.

‡ Connecticut Men of the Revolution, p. 63.

§ Connecticut Historical Society's Collections, Vol. viii, p. 19.

‖ From Isaac Way's pension papers, Washington, D. C.

Isaac Way applied for a pension from Woodbury in 1820, at sixty-two years of age, and his claim was allowed. He enjoyed the pension twenty-seven years. His daughter was pensioned by special act of Congress at twelve dollars a month, commencing January 20, 1897, through the efforts of the Regent of the Mary Silliman Chapter.

¶ Connecticut Men of the Revolution, p. 104.

Isaac Way's pension papers mention also White Plains as a battle he was engaged in.

Isaac Way was born in Harwinton in 1758, and died in Woodbury May 5, 1847, aged nearly ninety years. He married Mercy Baldwin, born April 1, 1762; died August 16, 1841. Their children were:

Justus, b. Oct. 3, 1779; d. June 4, 1785.
Annis, b. Aug. 16, 1781; m. Stoddard Eastman and went West to live.
Electa, b. June 21, 1783; m. Judson Minor; d. Nov. 11, 1870, in Woodbury.
Justus, b. Oct. 5, 1785; d. Sept. 9, 1793.
Irena, b. March 3, 1787; d. Dec. 9, 1851.
John, b. June 26, 1790; m. Mary Northrup; d. June 23, 1834.
Isaac, b. May 15, 1792; m. Betsey Coles.
Hepzibah, b. Oct. 31, 1794; m. Solomon Hurlburt; d. 1826.
Lewis, b. Oct. 11, 1796; d. June 6, 1798.
Sally, b. Aug. 26, 1798; m. George Hurd; d. Sept. 21, 1893.
Maria, b. Nov. 2, 1800; d. Oct. 20, 1804.
Eliza, b. Dec. 21, 1802; m. Rotus Gibson; d. Dec. 3, 1888.
Augusta, b. July 18, 1805; m. Nelson Tuller, lived in Middlebury, died in Bridgeport.

All of these children except Annis and Augusta lived, married and died in Woodbury.

On May 28, 1844, Augusta Way married Nelson Tuller, a resident of Middlebury, where she spent many years. She was the third wife of Nelson Tuller, who had six children by his two previous marriages. Two children were born to Nelson Tuller and his wife, Augusta Way Tuller: Margaret Augusta, born June 28, 1846, in Middlebury, died in Hamden, December 10, 1873; Elizabeth Way, born April 15, 1848, in Middlebury, died in Naugatuck, May 5, 1858.

Mrs. Tuller was a widow thirty years, and in her serene old age resided in the home of her step-daughter* in Bridgeport. She retained her faculties until her last illness, which was of a few days duration. She died December 14, 1901, in her ninety-seventh year.

Jeannette Booth.

* Mrs. Walter Lake.

"The severest trials of the Revolution were not in the field, but in the squalid wretchedness of ill-provided camps where there was nothing to cheer and everything to be endured."

Mary Wooster Chapter

DANBURY

Daughter of Patriot

LUCY MARIA OSBORNE

LEVI OSBORNE
—Surgeon's Assistant

LEVI OSBORNE—PATRIOT.

LUCY MARIA OSBORNE.

(Ninety-six years old.)

Photograph taken when Miss Osborne was eighty-one years old.)

LUCY MARIA OSBORNE

LEVI OSBORNE—PATRIOT

WHILE the flames kindled by Tryon and his men were destroying Danbury on that never to be forgotten day in April, 1777, a boy of fourteen years, Levi Osborne by name, stood on one of the hills overlooking the valley and watched the burning of his home and the destruction of the town. His heart was filled with bitter indignation against the enemies of his country, and he determined to do what he could to drive out the hated invader. A boy of fourteen could not shoulder the heavy musket, but an opportunity came to him later to serve as surgeon's assistant under Dr. Cunningham in the hospital at Danbury (January 1st, 1780).* In the same year, when he was seventeen, he enlisted as a private in Captain Baldwin's Company.

In the Seventh Regiment "Connecticut Line" (1777-1781) commanded by

Colonel Heman Swift (Cornwall)

were several officers from Cornwall, Goshen and New Milford. In the summer of 1780, this regiment served with the main army on the Hudson, and wintered in Camp "Connecticut Village." Levi Osborne enlisted in this Regiment, July 1, 1780 in

Captain Caleb Baldwin's Company (Killingworth)

and was discharged December 9, 1780. His name is enrolled in the list of "Short Levies." †

Levi Osborne was a native of Danbury, the son of Moses and Sarah (White) Osborne, and was born June 17, 1763. On November 10, 1784, he married Miriam Dibble (born 1766), the daughter of John and Lydia (Ferry) Dibble, and they made their home in Danbury. Eight children were born to Levi Osborne and Miriam Osborne, his wife:

* From pension papers of Levi Osborne.

† Connecticut Men of the Revolution, pp. 227, 651.

Ira, b. March 19, 1785; d. in 1804.
White, b. in Danbury, 1788; d. in Danbury in 1857, leaving a daughter who is ninety-one years old.
Cynthia, b. in 1793; d. in 1888 at the age of ninety-five.
Daniel, b. in 1795; d. in 1811.
Sarah, b. in 1800; d. in 1887.
Elizabeth, b. Aug. 16, 1802.
Lucy M., b. 1805; d. in infancy.
Lucy Maria, b. in Danbury Dec. 3, 1807.

For many years the Osborne home was the only residence in the north section of Danbury,—a quiet, picturesque spot, with broad meadows bordered by Lombardy poplars.

Levi Osborne was deeply interested in religious matters. In 1817, he was conscientiously compelled to separate from the Sandemanian church with which he had been connected, and formed a new society which discarded all creeds, and followed the primitive order of worship. He was presiding Elder of this organization, The Church of Christ, until his death.

Miriam, the wife of Levi Osborne, died November 12, 1833, the day before the great meteoric shower. Mr. Osborne married the second time a widow, Mrs. Urania (Knapp) Judd, who died in 1844. During the latter part of his life the old soldier received a pension. The pension application of Levi Osborne is dated July 25, 1832, and the pension was granted one year later. He died March 8, 1852, at the age of eighty-eight.

The care of her aged father devolved upon Miss Osborne after the death of her mother. She opened a private school, and did her house work before and after school hours. Miss Lucy Maria Osborne is the only "Real Daughter" of the Danbury Chapter, which she joined March 10, 1896, at the age of eighty-nine. She is now in her ninety-seventh year, active in the home, and interested in all church work. She is ready and graceful in speech, gifted with her pen, loved and honored by all who know her.

Miss Osborne is Honorary Chaplain of the Mary Wooster Chapter. During her several years of membership in the D. A. R. organization, she has served as Chaplain at two general state conferences in Danbury and Stamford, and a third time at a conference

of regents and delegates. Her birthday anniversaries are remembered by the local chapter and on her ninety-sixth anniversary a reception and supper were given her by the Mary Wooster Chapter in its historical room in the County Court House. A presentation speech with gift was followed by a response from Miss Osborne, which, in the words of the Regent,* made "the occasion a memorable one"—"since few chapters have the privilege of having a 'real daughter' who could be present" at ninety-six years of age and make an address in public.

Helen Meeker.

Authority: Connecticut Men of the Revolution.

* Mrs. John Tweedy.

SARAH (CURTIS) HINMAN.

Wife of Colonel Joel Hinman—Patriot.

(The mother of sixteen children.)

(From a picture taken when she was about ninety years old.

Melicent Porter Chapter

WATERBURY

Daughters	of	Patriots
		BENJAMIN HINMAN —Colonel
MARIA (HINMAN) PULFORD		JOEL HINMAN —Captain
RHODA AUGUSTA THOMSON		THADDEUS THOMSON —Drummer Boy

MARIA (HINMAN) PULFORD.

MRS. MARIA (HINMAN) PULFORD'S HOME, SOUTHBURY, CONNECTICUT.

MARIA (HINMAN) PULFORD

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—HINMAN

TWENTY-FIVE Hinmans served in the Revolutionary War, and there were more commissioned officers during the war, by the name of Hinman, in Connecticut than by any other name—thirteen in all. The town of Woodbury furnished one colonel, five captains, four lieutenants, two ensigns.

The following paragraphs on Woodbury in the Revolution are taken from Cothren's History of Ancient Woodbury: "No colony was more liberal in furnishing supplies than Connecticut, and Woodbury was a prominent point for their collection. The streets of the village, in those days, were piled high with barrels and hogsheads of pork, beef, lard, flour, and other military stores for the use of the army."

"But Woodbury in a far more important manner contributed towards a successful issue of the dispute with Great Britain. . . . In the number and valor of her troops, it is believed that few towns of similar numerical strength can vie with her. A list of nearly one thousand of her sons is furnished who 'did battle for their country' and the list is by no means complete."

"During the year 1781, the French army under General La Fayette passed through this town [Woodbury] on their journey South to join General Washington in his operations against Cornwallis. . . . The army encamped for the night in the town, . . . and when they pitched their tents, they extended . . . a distance of nearly three miles. During the evening they had a dance, in which some of the Woodbury damsels joined with the polite French officers, in their gay uniforms, while others looked on."

"Multitudes of the inhabitants pressed about the tents of those patriotic foreigners—who had come so far to fight the battle of freedom. La Fayette and his chief officers lodged at the house of Hon. Daniel Sherman, and was waited on by all the principal men of the town. . . . Fired anew with martial courage by the fine display of the French troops, a considerable number of soldiers

volunteered on the spot and marched with them on the following morning." . . .

"After the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, the army passed through the town again on their return to take ship for their homes."

Colonel Seth Warner was a native of Woodbury, and of the many officers of the Hinman name, Colonel Benjamin Hinman stands first.

Colonel Benjamin Hinman had a distinguished record, both in the French and Indian Wars, and in the early years of the Revolution. He was born in 1720 in Woodbury. He served against the French in Canada in 1751, commissioned as Quartermaster; later he was commissioned Captain (1755), Major (1757), Lieutenant-Colonel (1758), and Colonel (1771).

Preparatory to the opening of hostilities, he was a member of the Committee of Correspondence of his town, appointed on 20, Sept. A.D. 1774.

At the opening of the Revolution he was commissioned (May 1, 1775) Colonel of the Fourth Connecticut Regiment. This regiment was raised on the first call for troops, April-May, 1775, and was recruited mainly in Litchfield County. On May 20, 1775, Colonel Hinman was ordered to march with five companies to rendezvous at or near Greenwich, and to send three companies to take post at Salisbury under Major Elmore.

Upon the surprise at Fort Ticonderoga (May 10, 1775) Governor Trumbull had ordered this regiment to march as soon as possible to secure that fort and Crown Point against recapture. The regiment reached Ticonderoga in June and Colonel Hinman assumed command until the arrival of

General Philip Schuyler.

An account of their march is given in the journal of Bayze Wells* of Farmington, a sergeant in Captain Sedgwick's Company. Each day's march is given, beginning with June 3d, as follows: To New Hartford, to Canaan, to Sheffield, to Nobletown, to Claverack, to Schodack, to Greenbush, to Stillwater, to Saratoga, to Kingsbury, to Fort George, which is reached on June 18th (1775).

In this journal all of Bayze Wells' orders are from Benjamin Hinman, Colonel, until August 31, except one on August 26, when

* Connecticut Historical Society, Collections, vol. vii.

the record reads: "By order of General MacPherson." Colonel Hinman's regiment took part in the Canada expedition of this year and was in service until the expiration of its term, December, 1775. Much sickness prevailed and many men were mustered out in October and November. On the sick bills are the names* of one hundred and sixteen men from Colonel Benjamin Hinman's regiment, who are thus recorded as on the sick list.

Benjamin Hinman was also in service in 1776 in the State Militia. There were twenty-eight regiments organized in 1775. His was the thirteenth, Major-General David Wooster commanding. In the summer of 1776 Washington needed a large force to meet the enemy's threatened attack on New York. Connecticut already had eight Continental and nine State regiments in the field, but she sent fourteen more to serve from August, 1776, "until the exigency was over."†

The rolls of the Thirteenth Regiment at New York, 1776, under Colonel B. Hinman, are given in Connecticut Men of the Revolution. There were seven companies in which eight Hinmans are recorded as serving under Colonel Hinman, viz.: two captains, John and Elijah; three sergeants, Francis, Bethuel and Asa; and privates Isaac, Justus and Enos.

Lastly Colonel Hinman is on record among the defenders of Danbury during Tryon's raid, April 25-28, 1777. The troops on the ground were mainly militia, but casualties were reported among the Continentals. On the only document preserved, which indicates what organizations were present during the Danbury defence, is the name, among others, of Colonel Benjamin Hinman, which appears for the last time and as at hospital.‡

Colonel Hinman returned to his home in 1777, in ill health, and did not again enter the army. He was then fifty-seven years old. Eleven years later (January 3, 1788), he was one of the members

* See Connecticut Historical Society, Collections, vol. viii, p. 16.

† A few of these were exposed to the enemy's attack at Kip's Bay, September 15, 1776. (See p. 22, footnote.)

In October, 1776, Benjamin Hinman, a colonel in the Continental Army, was succeeded in his State Militia regiment by Colonel Increase Mosely, Jr. of Woodbury.

‡ Connecticut Men of the Revolution, pp. 128, 492. Also Josiah Hinman, "Hospital," p. 493.

from Connecticut at the convention which ratified the Federal Constitution.* His brother, Curtis Hinman, was nominated for governor of Connecticut in 1820, but died before the election.

His son, Colonel Joel Hinman, is the patriot whose daughter lived to the end of the century and became a member of the Order of the D. A. R.

Joel Hinman was born in Southbury, Conn., April 8, 1748. He is on the records as an Ensign in the State Troops or Levies of 1776, composed of regiments raised for temporary service.

General James Wadsworth's Brigade
Colonel Fisher Gay's (Farmington) Regiment
Captain Edward Rogers' (Cornwall) Third Company
Ensign Joel Hinman (Woodbury).

This regiment served under Washington in New York on the Brooklyn front and in the Battle of Long Island, August 27, in the retreat to New York, August 29 and 30, and in the retreat from New York City, September 15, and was with the main army at White Plains until their time expired on December 25, 1776.

On April 27, 1777, at the burning of Danbury, Joel Hinman received a British ball in his left thigh, near the groin, which he carried thirty-three years.†

In 1781 a provisional regiment was ordered to be raised by the General Assembly, and "put in readiness to march on short notice in case his Excellency, General Washington, shall call for them." There were eighteen companies, Joel Hinman being a captain of one. His commission as captain of the Second Company in the Thirteenth Regiment of Connecticut was signed at Hartford, by Jonathan Trumbull, on June 3, 1782.‡

* For Colonel Benjamin's record in the French War, in the Revolution, and afterwards, see "A Historical Collection from Official Records, Files, etc., of the part sustained by Connecticut during the War of the Revolution." Compiled by Royal R. Hinman, Secretary of State, 1842.

† The ball was extracted March 30, 1810, by a Southbury physician, Doctor Anthony Burritt, Sr., and is now in the possession of Miss Grace S. Pulford of Southbury, a granddaughter of the patriot.

‡ In Cothren's History of Woodbury Joel Hinman is mentioned as serving in the Revolution under the title of Ensign. For his offices as ensign and captain see also Connecticut Men of the Revolution, pp. 395, 586.

Joel Hinman's later military and civil record is one of continued service and influence, covering in all a period of twenty-five years. His commission as Major of the Thirteenth Regiment of Militia was signed at Hartford, by Samuel Huntington, on June 4, 1790; his commission as Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Thirteenth Regiment of Militia was signed at New Haven, by Oliver Wolcott, on October 19, 1796. He was a member of Connecticut's General Assembly of October, 1794, May, 1795, and May, 1799.

Colonel Joel Hinman and Sarah Curtis, daughter of Deacon Daniel and Sarah Curtis, were married April 10, 1778. They were the parents of sixteen children*:

DANIEL, b. Oct. 9, 1779; m. widow Susan (Wheeler) Scott, Jan. 11, 1806; d. Jan. 16, 1816.
ANNA, } twins, born } Anna died in infancy.
IRENA, } April 24, 1781, } Irena m. Capt. Eli Hall, May 8, 1806; d. Nov. 25, 1864.
JASON, b. Nov. 13, 1782; m. Lucy Robinson, June 23, 1808; d. Nov. 19, 1861.
SALLY, b. Oct. 28, 1784; m. Jedediah Hall, April 21, 1806; d. Aug. 24, 1854.
CURTIS, b. Aug. 30, 1786; m. Sally Perry, Sept. 10, 1809; d. Dec. 28, 1820.
PHEBE, b. May 15, 1788; d. unmarried, April 13, 1872.
NANCY, b. March 4, 1790; d. unmarried, April 5, 1881.
ROBERT, b. April 6, 1792; d. unmarried, April 13, 1813.
SHERMAN, b. Oct. 21, 1794; d. April 30, 1795 or 1796.
ALBERT, b. Aug. 13, 1795; d. unmarried, May 12, 1842.
SOPHIA, b. April 30, 1797; m. Truman Mitchell, April 2, 1816; d. Nov. 1, 1861.
SHERMAN 2d, b. April 9, 1799; d. unmarried in 1832.
JOEL, b. Jan. 27, 1802; m. Maria Scovill, Oct. 9, 1825; d. Feb. 21, 1870.
MARIETTA, b. Oct. 20, 1804; m. Isaac Johnson, ——— ———; d. Sept. 17, 1864.
Maria, b. May 6, 1807; m. Eliott Pulford, Oct. 6, 1834; d. June 1, 1897.

Joel Hinman died in 1813, aged sixty-four. His widow lived to be over ninety years old. In 1856 (June 19), forty-three years after her husband's death, and nearly three-quarters of a century after the close of the Revolution, a certificate granting one hundred and sixty acres of land was issued by J. Minot, Commissioner, to "Sarah Hinman, Widow of Joel Hinman, Sergeant Revolutionary War."

* Of all his large family, fourteen of whom lived to mature age, there lives to-day but one male descendant bearing the surname of Hinman. Only one descendant is now living who bears the patriot's Christian name, namely, his great-great-grandson, Joel Hinman Codding, of Amenia, N. Y.

Sarah Hinman, the patriot's widow, was in many respects an extraordinary woman. She had fifteen children, who lived to be of lawful age. She possessed a firm constitution, a powerful mind, and a remarkably retentive memory. She clearly remembered her father's grandmother, and her stories of Indian atrocity. She lived to see her own great-grandchildren and was thus acquainted with seven generations in her family.

Maria Hinman was the sixteenth child of Colonel Hinman and Sarah Curtis, his wife. She was born May 6, 1807, on the farm lying on the Pomperaug River, one mile below the present center of Southbury. Nothing remains of the home but the cellar and the well, to mark the spot where many of the Hinman name first saw the light. Joel Hinman moved to the home of his father, Colonel Benjamin Hinman, when the subject of this sketch was five years old. This house was situated in a fine central location, north of the Congregational Church. Here his daughter Maria married Eliott Pulford, October 6, 1834, and moved to her new home not more than a stone's throw away, where for more than sixty years she dispensed hospitality to old and young, rich and poor. They were the parents of two children: Julia Maria, b. July 18, 1840; m. Charles S. Brown, June 3, 1862 and has a son, Harry Hinman Brown; Grace Sophia, b. October 20, 1847.

Mrs. Pulford was always a much loved neighbor and friend, and a favorite with children. She never tired of talking over Revolutionary times, and the day she joined Melicent Porter Chapter seemed the happiest of her life. She was admitted to the National Society October 1, 1896. On May 31, 1897, in her ninety-first year, she rode two miles to witness the placing of a stone on the site where the first settlers encamped in 1673, as they came from Stratford to Woodbury, and none enjoyed the memorial celebration more than she. The next day, June 1, 1897, she went out to dinner in her usual health and good spirits, finished the meal, and suddenly passed away.

Katherine Prichard.
Irene H. W. Codding.
Grace S. Pulford.

RHODA AUGUSTA THOMSON

THADDEUS THOMSON—PATRIOT

THADDEUS THOMSON (born in 1762) enlisted as a drummer boy in the Revolution and endured the privations incidental to army life until the close of the war. There is a tradition in the family that he beat the death roll at the execution of Major André. At the siege of Yorktown he was wounded by a cannon ball while bringing bundles of poles to lay in the earthworks. But his disability could not prevent him from sharing in the general feeling of joy at the prospect of a cessation of hostilities, and the return of peace and harmony throughout the land.

It is said he remarked that "although the worthless Continental currency which he received as a compensation for all those years of service would not buy him a dinner, yet he never regretted joining the army and assisting in destroying the power and authority of Great Britain over the American Colonies."

The drum head, that had so often resounded with the call to arms, he made into a pocket-book at the close of the war, and it is now in the possession of one of his descendants. His prayer book is owned by one of his lineal descendants,* while his daughter Rhoda has his Revolutionary pension certificate which entitled him to ninety-six dollars annually during his life, an annuity which was restored to Miss Thomson by special Act of Congress, signed by President Cleveland.

Thaddeus Thomson was a descendant of Anthony Thomson, one of the founders of the New Haven Colony, a signer of the original Compact June 4, 1639 (Anthony[1], John[2], John[3], Daniel[4], Daniel[5], Thaddeus[6]).

Thaddeus Thomson was a man of literary tastes and possessed a library of valuable books. In an old book still in existence, he

* Miss Eunice Huntington of Woodbury.

has left a complete record of himself and family, as follows (the death dates after 1829 being supplied from other sources):

"Thaddeus Thomson was born in Bethany in New Haven County, March 5, 1762; was married to Hannah Perkins, October 20, 1785, who was born March 24, 1765."

Children by this marriage:

Lucy, b. July 22, 1786; d. Nov. 13, 1828.
Thaddeus, b. Aug. 19, 1788; d. March 15, 1877.
Charles, b. Aug. 19, 1790; d. Aug. 6, 1874.
Bela, b. Dec. 29, 1792; d. March 26, 1869.
Hannah, b. Dec. 20, 1794; d. June 4, 1795.
Isaac, b. Sept. 9, 1796; d. April 21, 1873.
Hannah Lucretia, b. March 19, 1799; d. Jan. 7, 1883.

"On the 8th of February, 1800, departed this life my beloved wife, Hannah Thomson, in the 35th year of her age. June 16, 1800 I was married to Rhoda Sperry who was born November 29, 1778."

Children:

Eunice, b. April 17, 1801; d. Dec. 21, 1870.
April 25, 1802, we had an infant born which lived 44 hours.
James, b. Aug. 17, 1803; d. June 25, 1880.
George, b. Jan. 25, 1806; d. Sept. 23, 1850.
Caroline, b. Aug. 1, 1808; d. Feb. 19, 1835.
Susannah, b. Jan. 29, 1811; d. Dec. 24, 1847.
Patience Amanda, b. March 5, 1814; d. Nov. 25, 1877.
William Peters, b. June 25, 1815; d. Oct. 2, 1872.
Thomas Merritt, b. Dec. 18, 1819; d. June 6, 1894.
Rhoda Augusta, b. June 1, 1821; now in full life.

"On the 15th of August, 1828 departed this life my beloved wife, Rhoda Thomson. A sincere Christian without guile."

Thaddeus Thomson lived to see his country fully established as a nation, and rejoicing in its prosperity, he passed away on the 16th of June, 1829, aged sixty-seven years, at Woodbridge, Connecticut, and was buried in Bethany, Connecticut.

Rhoda Augusta Thomson was born in Woodstock, Ulster County, New York, on June 1, 1821. Left motherless when seven years of age she was placed with her older sister* in Woodbury, Connecticut, where she remained for many years.

* Mrs. Norman Parker.

Later she visited Iowa and taught school there, until her younger brother's wife died, and she was called to Alabama to care for his three motherless children. In 1856 she brought the children North, a journey of no small difficulty, and lasting a week. Miss Thomson has ever been as one set apart to serve others, and be it in northern New York or Iowa, in Alabama or Woodbury, she has fulfilled her mission.

She was admitted to the National Society February 1, 1894, and her National number is 4393. She is among the earliest patriots' daughters to be enrolled. One other member of her father's family was then living, namely her brother, Thomas Merritt, who died the following June.

Emily Goodrich Smith.
Minot L. Beardsley.
Helen E. Huntington.
(MRS. JAMES HUNTINGTON.)

JULIETTE BETTS.

(The First Patriot's Daughter in Connecticut Chapters.)

Norwalk Chapter

NORWALK

Daughters of	Patriots
	HEZEKIAH HANFORD
JULIETTE BETTS	HEZEKIAH BETTS —Sergeant
CHARLOTTE (KEELER) RAYMOND	JUSTUS KEELER

THE THOMAS BETTS HOMESTEAD, BUILT IN 1779.

JULIETTE BETTS

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

HANFORD—BETTS

MISS JULIETTE BETTS was the first Patriot's Daughter in Connecticut to become a member of the D. A. R. Order (her National number is 2480), and in the National Society there are only four earlier admissions of Daughters of Revolutionary Soldiers.

Juliette Betts was born in Norwalk, March 3, 1805, and died September 17, 1896, in her ninety-second year. She was the last surviving daughter of a Revolutionary soldier in the town of Norwalk, and an honored member of the Norwalk Chapter, which she joined in 1893, at the age of eighty-eight.

Miss Betts' genealogical line of descent includes the names Betts, Hanford, Benedict, Hoyt and Marvin—names found on many pages of Norwalk's early history.

Her father, Hezekiah Betts, was descended from Thomas Betts, 1st, who came to Norwalk from Guilford in 1650 with Mary, his wife. Their son, Thomas Betts, 2d, married Sarah Marvin, daughter of Matthew Marvin. Thomas Betts, 3d (born 1717), married May 22, 1748, Elizabeth or "Betty" Benedict, the daughter of Captain Thomas Benedict. Their children were:

Betty, b. ———; d. Jan., 1769.
Esther, b. ——— 1749.
Thomas, b. Nov. 14, 1753; d. Jan. 17, 1813.
Lydia, b. ——— 1755.
Susannah, b. 1757.
Hezekiah, b. July 31, 1760.

Hezekiah Betts, the patriot, born in 1760, was only sixteen years of age when, in October, 1776, he enlisted in a company raised by Captain Jabez Gregory just after the battle of White Plains. This company was never ordered out and was discharged three months later, January, 1777.

On July 11, 1780, Hezekiah Betts again enlisted and was made Sergeant in the Second Regiment of the Connecticut Line. He enlisted for three years and served until the close of the war. He was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Years afterwards he told his children that he saw more people on that day than he ever expected to see until the Day of Judgment.

Hezekiah Betts, though a soldier, had a tender heart. When his children asked him if he had ever killed a man in the war, he confessed that after he took aim he always shut his eyes for fear he should see the effect of the shot.

Hezekiah Betts married October 1, 1785, Grace Hanford, a daughter of Hezekiah and Deborah (Hoyt) Hanford, and a lineal descendant of Thomas Hanford, the first minister of Norwalk, who was a notable figure in Norwalk for forty years.

Grace Hanford's father, Hezekiah Hanford, served in the Coast Guards during the Revolution in the company of

Captain Eliphalet Lockwood.

Her oldest brother was taken prisoner when Norwalk was burned in 1779, and detained six weeks on Long Island. On the day that Tryon burned Norwalk (July 11, 1779), Hezekiah Hanford was in the field ploughing with a yoke of oxen. He succeeded in driving his oxen to a place of safety in the woods on Blue Mountain. His daughter, Grace Hanford, was a girl of fourteen and went with neighbors to the woods near "the Rocks" for safety, and from here the people of Norwalk watched the flames destroying their homes.

The children of Hezekiah and Grace (Hanford) Betts (born October 5, 1765), who were married October 1, 1785, were:

Alfred, b. Sept. 2, 1786.
Amaryllis, b. June 28, 1788.
Robert W., b. Aug. 23, 1790.
Mehitable, b. Nov. 25, 1792.
Henry, b. Nov. 26, 1794.
Eliza Susan, b. July 8, 1797.
Xenophon, b. Sept. 22, 1799.
Eulalia, b. Oct. 13, 1802.
Juliette, b. March 3, 1805.
Harriet, b. May 8, 1807.
Solomon E., b. Dec. 23, 1809.

Hezekiah Betts died May 31, 1837.

The following is from Selleck's History of Norwalk: "The family of Captain Hezekiah Betts was one of Norwalk's worthiest households, and the home abode of peace and piety. Its paternal head was also an intense patriot. Himself and cousin, Captain Stephen

(captain of militia at the burning of Norwalk), were soldiers from their youth. Both were strong characters. Hezekiah was a Puritan and Stephen a churchman. One loyally observed Thanksgiving Day, the other mingled tansy with his food on Good Friday. The two were noble men and left a noble record. Of Hezekiah it is mentioned that tears would fill the old veteran's eyes when the night of July 3d set in and the children had, seemingly, so far forgotton their father's struggles as to neglect to ring the church bells, and kindle independence bonfires."

The present Betts house in France Street supplanted the house of the patriot's father, Thomas Betts, and was erected on the same site in 1779. The present house was built around the old Revolutionary chimney, the flue of which was removed some years since, for the sake of room.

Miss Betts, when she was a small child, was one day reading aloud from a book about the Revolutionary War; it was an account of the army crossing a river, and her father, Hezekiah Betts, who was listening, exclaimed, "I was there," which deeply impressed her imagination.

Her home during her entire lifetime was the Betts homestead,* originally built about 1660 by one of her ancestors, partially burned during the Revolution, and afterwards rebuilt. During the Civil War the house was the center of loyal feeling, and among its guests were General O. S. Ferry, afterwards a Senator, Major-General W. T. Clark of General McPherson's staff, Colonel R. H. Sawyer of General Sherman's staff, and Major W. R. Long of General Neill's staff.

Miss Betts' noble character, her deep religious nature and her sweet disposition endeared her to all who knew her. She joined the First Congregational Church in her early youth, and was its oldest member at the time of her death. For forty years Miss Betts sang in the volunteer choir of the church. Her sister, Susan Betts, who conducted a private school in Norwalk for many years, started the first Sunday School in the town, in 1817.

Angeline Scott.

Authority for the above: Hall's History of Norwalk. Selleck's History of Norwalk. Family history.

*After Miss Betts' death her portrait and a memorial inscription were framed in oak taken from one of the beams of the old house, and presented to the Norwalk Chapter.

CHARLOTTE (KEELER) RAYMOND.

CHARLOTTE (KEELER) RAYMOND

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—KEELER

NORWALK CHAPTER was honored on February 20, 1900, by the accession to its membership of Mrs. Charlotte (Keeler) Raymond, who was at that time eighty-one years of age.

Mrs. Raymond comes of an honored ancestry. The Keelers were prominent in early Norwalk history, and were granted lands for their public services. They also held responsible positions in the church, and were sent as members of several important committees to the neighboring towns in council.

Ralph Keeler (born in 1613) is mentioned in Hartford records in 1645 as a "viewer of chimneys." He came to Norwalk in 1655. He married Sarah Whelpley of Fairfield. Of John Keeler, their son, the record says "he tooke to wiffe Hittabelle Rockwell" on the 18th of June, 1679. John Keeler, 2d, married Rhoda Hoyt, April 19, 1710, and settled on Belden Hill, then in the town of Norwalk. In 1726 this locality was called Wilton Parish. In 1802 it became the town of Wilton.

Jehu Keeler married Lydia Lockwood of New Canaan, and lived in the homestead which was burned down in 1744, was rebuilt on the same site and has sheltered the Keeler generations for more than a century and a half (1744-1900).

Jehu and Lydia (Lockwood) Keeler had the following children:

John, b. March 29, 1741.
Lyddia.
Martha, b. Aug. 8, 1744.
Stephen, b. May 23, 1746.
Lyddia, b. Feb. 5, 1748.
Justus, b. May 21, 1750.
James Lockwood, b. Feb. 13, 1752.
Isaac, b. March 9, 1754.

The name of the first daughter Lydia is not on the Wilton Parish church record, from which the above is taken. She was baptized January 16, 1743. Among the death records is the following: October 23 1744 "Died Lydia, daughter of Jehu Keeler, in the flames of

his house which was then burned down nearly two years." It was in corn-husking time, according to family tradition, that this double tragedy occurred in the Keeler family.

In 1759 the oldest son of Jehu and Lydia (Lockwood) Keeler, John, eighteen years old, served in the French and Indian war, and marched in the expedition against Quebec. He died in the service.

At least twenty-four Keelers served in the Revolution, several as officers, commissioned and non-commissioned.

Justus Keeler the patriot, served twice in the Connecticut Militia, in 1776 and in 1777—both short terms—first in the Ninth Regiment, commanded by

Lieut.-Colonel John Mead
Captain Samuel Comstock's Company.

Justus Keeler "marched" August 12, and was discharged September 17 (1776). He was probably in the Kips Bay panic* and is known to have been taken prisoner.

In 1777 several regiments of the Connecticut Militia were ordered to reinforce Putnam on the Hudson during the Burgoyne campaign. Two brigades under Major-Generals Silliman and Ward constituted the force. Here, again, was the regiment of

Colonel John Mead
Captain Nathan Gilbert's Company,

in which company Justus Keeler "marched" October 5, and was discharged October 30. Of the fifty-three men in this company, about forty deserted. Justus Keeler served until honorably discharged.

In 1900 the old Keeler Inn was still standing on Belden Hill in Wilton, one of the interesting Colonial houses in Fairfield County. Its great chimney, fourteen by sixteen feet in size, had four flues in it and two large ovens. The back-logs, in former days, used to be drawn into the fireplace by horses.

After the war Justus Keeler returned to the old homestead on Belden Hill and for many years lived a bachelor. One day, his

* See Mahala Terry sketch, Abigail Phelps Chapter.

future mother-in-law, Mrs. Betty Olmstead, said to him in raillery, "Why don't you marry?" and he replied, "My wife isn't born yet," which was very true, as Mrs. Olmstead's daughter, whom he finally married, was not then born. More than ten years later, a laughing school-girl, Charlotte Olmstead, when visiting in the Keeler house with some friends, put the same question to her host, unwittingly

PATRIOT JUSTUS KEELER'S ANCESTRAL HOME.

(Built in 1744.)

repeating her mother's question of years before, and Mr. Keeler answered, "You will do for me, bye and bye!" So it proved. When sixty-seven years old Justus Keeler married (on September 10, 1817) Charlotte Olmstead, daughter of Asa and Betty (Stuart) Olmstead, being nearly forty years older than his bride (born September 10, 1788).

Two children were born to them: *Charlotte,* born February 20, 1819; Frances Lydia, born March 28, 1821. In her girlhood

Charlotte Keeler taught in the district school for several years, and on September 20, 1837, she was married to Thomas Merwin Raymond.* Most of her life has been spent in her birthplace, the old Keeler house, where her father died October 23, 1821, in his seventy-second year. Charlotte, his wife, died March 22, 1872, aged ninety-three years and six months. Mrs. Raymond now lives in a house lately built on the site of the original homestead.

There were born to Thomas and Charlotte Raymond:

Charlotte Agnes, b. Aug. 15, 1838.
Frances Celia, b. Nov., 1839.
Justus Keeler, b. Aug., 1842.
Henry Merwin, b. Aug., 1844.
Harriet Maria, b. Aug., 1846.
Katharine Jane, b. Nov., 1848.

In 1865 Mrs. Raymond lost both her son Henry, and a son-in-law, Jacob Fowler, in the Civil War. They both served in the regiment of Colonel Fowler from South Norwalk. Henry Raymond was wounded in the battle of Newbern, South Carolina, and died in a Southern hospital, aged twenty-one years.

Angeline Scott.

Authority: Wilton Parish Church Records.
Hall's History of Norwalk.
Selleck's History of Norwalk.
Mrs. Edward Olmstead.

* Born May 8, 1811, and died April 16, 1882.

Orford Parish Chapter

SOUTH MANCHESTER

Daughters	of	Patriots
MARY (HOLLISTER) PITKIN		
		JOSIAH HOLLISTER
HARRIET HOLLISTER		
LYDIA (ALEXANDER) COUCH		THOMAS ALEXANDER

MARY (HOLLISTER) PITKIN.

(From a photograph taken when Mrs. Pitkin was ninety-eight years old.)

MARY HOLLISTER PITKIN

HARRIET HOLLISTER

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

HOLLISTER—PITKIN

OXFORD PARISH CHAPTER had enrolled among its members three patriots' daughters, Mrs. Mary (Hollister) Pitkin, her sister, Miss Harriet Hollister, and Mrs. Lydia (Alexander) Couch.

Mrs. Pitkin and Miss Hollister were daughters of Josiah Hollister, and of his second wife, Asenath Sweetland. Josiah Hollister was born in Glastonbury, Conn., February 21, 1756, and early in the war enlisted in the State troops,* serving in

* From Collections, Connecticut Historical Society, vol. viii; Revolution Rolls and Lists, 1775-1783, p. 137.

STATE TROOPS, 1776. Second Battalion—Col. Gay. Seventh Company—Capt. Welles.

An account of twelve Blankets hired or impressed by the Selectmen of Glastenbury and delivered to Soldiers of Capt. Samuel Welles' company, Col. Gay's Regt. 1776.

To whom delivered	their casualties.
Benjamin Howard	Lost with him when he died, supposed buried in it.
Richard Smith	Lost in Retreat from Turtle Bay, September. 15, 1776.
Joseph Brooks	Lost in Retreat from Turtle Bay, September 15, 1776.
Benjamin Hale	Buried with him.
Stephen Couch	Lost in Retreat above mentioned.
Jesse Churchill	No account of and to be paid for.
Elihu Smith	Lost in Sd Retreat.
Josiah Hollister	Lost in Sd Retreat.
Jonathan Gains	Lost in Sd Retreat.
Josiah Loomis	Shot to pieces.
Lemuel Tubbs	No account of and to be paid for.
Thomas Morley	Lost in Sd Retreat.

Capt. Welles was taken prisoner Sept. 15, '76; exchanged June, '78.

On the same page is given, under Appraisement of the Soldiers' Guns under Com'd of Capt. Saml. Welles, the names of the Glastonbury soldiers.

Colonel Gay's Regiment
Captain Samuel Welles' Seventh Company.

This company was at New York and took part in the operations at Turtle Bay* on the East River. The year following Josiah Hollister enlisted in the regiment of "Artificers," on February 7, 1777, term for the war, in

Captain Clark's Company
Lieutenant John Spencer (East Hartford).

A large number of officers and men were from Connecticut. The regiment was at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and in other battles.† These artificers were skilled workmen—carpenters, builders, tent-makers, tailors, etc., and Josiah Hollister, when with the regiment at Valley Forge, must have been favorably noticed by General Washington, as he was detailed to build a wardrobe for Martha Washington, which gave to her great satisfaction, and to him a pleasure which lasted a lifetime, for he was never tired of telling of this honor.

He made application for a pension‡ August 15, 1832, at which time he was seventy-six years old and living on his farm in South Manchester. This claim was allowed for two years' actual service in the Revolution, stating that his enlistment was from Glastonbury and service, part of the time under Captain Welles and Colonel Gay.

Josiah Hollister was tall, straight, strong and ambitious, and retained good health and memory until his death, September 8, 1849, in his ninety-fourth year. Orford Parish Chapter has placed a Revolutionary marker on his grave in the old part of the East Cemetery in Manchester in recognition of his services to his country.

Josiah Hollister's first wife, Mary House,§ daughter of Daniel House of Glastonbury, was born September 15, 1760; she died July 15, 1786. In the same year he married, second, Asenath Sweetland,

* Turtle Bay is on the East River, two miles north of Corlaer Hook. Its name is a corruption of the Dutch "Deutel Bay," or Wedge Bay.

† From Connecticut Men in the Revolution, p. 293.

‡ From Connecticut Men in the Revolution, p. 652.

§ The name of Mary, the first wife of Josiah Hollister, his wartime mate, appears in the list of "Orford Parish Revolutionary Women." See Patron Saints, p. 470.

born September 16, 1763, daughter of Israel Sweetland of Manchester (then called Orford Parish), and settled on a farm in that place.* Their family consisted of thirteen children, two of whom attained even greater length of days than their soldier father; Mary, who lived to be nearly one hundred years old, and Harriet, who died at ninety-seven years of age. The following is a list of Josiah Hollister's children:†

By the first wife, Mary (House) Hollister:

Dency, b. March 1, 1781; m. Samuel Pratt.
Josiah, b. Aug. 23, 1783; m. Phoebe Rich.

By the second wife, Asenath (Sweetland) Hollister:

Pierpont, b. Jan. 7, 1788; m. Martha Wallace.
Grove, b. Jan. 29, 1790; m. (1) Rhoda Wallace, (2) Mary Cooley.
Orrin, b. Jan. 29, 1790; m. Rebecca Carroll Rich.
Horace, b. Nov. 5, 1791; m. Ruth P. Rich.
Eleazur, b. March 9, 1794; m. Caroline M. Hubbard.
Hannah, b. March 9, 1794; m. Peregrine Miner (who was blind).
Aaron, b. April 20, 1796; ——— ———; d. 1797.
Mary, b. Aug. 30, 1798; m. Joseph Chester Pitkin; d. Nov. 14, 1897.
Asenath, b. June 21, 1801; m. Ogden Spencer.
Harriet, b. Sept. 16, 1803; ——— ———; d. Oct. 12, 1900.
Aaron, b. Sept. 24, 1805; ——— ———; d. Aug. 8, 1822.

Mrs. Asenath (Sweetland) Hollister died June 5, 1844, in her eighty-first year.

Mary Hollister, born in Orford Parish, August 30, 1798, was married June 29, 1820, to Joseph Chester Pitkin, a son of Richard Pitkin,‡ patriot, and grandson of Captain Richard Pitkin§. The fighting blood of his father and grandfather was inherited by Joseph, for he enlisted in the War of 1812, and his wife received a pension for his service. He was born October 28, 1795, and died February 28, 1830.

* Their home remained in the family many years, and was at one time occupied by his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Martha Hollister Taylor.

† From Genealogy of Hollister Family.

‡ Richard, Jr., too young to be accepted as a soldier, was detailed, when a lad of sixteen years, to drive an ammunition wagon. In 1793, he was a Representative of his town in the Connecticut Legislature.

§ See Patron Saints, p. 470.

Of this marriage three children were born,* Mary, Charles and John, all of whom Mrs. Pitkin survived. She lived in Manchester eighty years. Her circle of friends was large, for she was of an unusually lovable nature and possessed that strength and refinement of character which is so truly an inheritance from early New England ancestry. For the last twenty years of her life she resided in Milwaukee with a granddaughter. Such was her remarkable vigor and courage, that when, at the age of ninety-nine, she expressed a desire to return to her loved New England, her relatives yielded to her urgent request. At this advanced age, the journey, half way across the continent, was made in comfort; and her desire was realized to see again, before the final separation should come, her family circle, among the number of which were four great-great-grandchildren. Her last illness at the home of her granddaughter† in Amherst, Mass., was but the inevitable cessation of her vital power. She died November 14, 1897, a few months before completing her century of years, and was laid to rest in the East Cemetery in Manchester, beside her husband whom she had survived sixty-seven years.

Harriet Hollister, born September 16, 1803, passed a quiet and retired life in the family homestead, South Manchester. After the home circle was broken she resided with friends in neighboring towns. Her death occurred at Talcottville, Conn., October 12, 1900, at the age of ninety-seven years, and although blind and deaf the last year of her life, she was very active for a person of her age. Before her memory failed she was fond of recalling stories she had heard her father tell of the Great Commander and of Lady Washington. She was pleased with her membership in the D. A. R. Society and happy in the possession of the souvenir spoon. She could not see it, but wished it placed by her plate at table. It seemed to connect

* The children of Joseph Chester Pitkin and Mary (Hollister) Pitkin were:
Mary, b. Aug. 26, 1821; m. Owen Spencer; d. May 24, 1845.
Charles E., b. Jan. 7, 1824; ——— ———; d. May 9, 1855.
John Jay, b. Aug. 15, 1828; m. Susan J. Thomson; d. May 18, 1900.

† Mrs. Henry Hills.

her with an almost forgotten past. Her grave is beside her father's in the East Cemetery, Manchester, and the monument bearing his name and those of his two wives, bears also the name of Harriet, the latest surviving member of the patriot's family.

Alice Barrett Cheney.

The last letter Mrs. Pitkin was able to write was in response to her election as an honorary member of Orford Parish Chapter. (She was then nearly ninety-eight years old.) The letter is as follows:

"*My dear Mrs. Case:*

I am informed by Mrs. C. S. Cheney that the D. A. R. Chapter of Orford Parish of South Manchester voted to make me an honorary member of the Chapter. I accept with pleasure and am thankful that so much of the true American principle remains with the descendants of those that gave us a free country. I thank you kindly for the honor you bestow upon me by making me a D. A. R. of the Orford Parish Chapter; it brings to memory that the first letter I ever wrote was dated 'Orford Parish.'

Sincerely yours,
Mary Pitkin."

Milwaukee, May 23, 1896.

Just before her death, her photograph, handsomely framed, was presented to the Chapter. It was a great regret to her that she was not strong enough to write her name and a quotation upon the back of the picture, as she had planned to do. Thus, almost her last thought was for the Society whose object it is to preserve the memory of her father and other patriots, who went from Orford Parish to battle for liberty.

Among the members of Orford Parish Chapter, D. A. R. who attended her burial were many who remembered her with personal affection, and reverently they placed upon her grave a beautiful wreath of white roses, violets and maiden-hair ferns, with a band of immortelles through the center bearing the letters D. A. R.

LYDIA (ALEXANDER) COUCH.

(At seventy years of age.)

LYDIA (ALEXANDER) COUCH

THOMAS ALEXANDER

THOMAS ALEXANDER was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army, serving in the Artillery Corps in

Colonel Crane's Regiment
Captain Seward's Company.

His application for pension is on record in Hartford.

"On this 2nd day of August, 1820, personally appeared in open Court, Thomas Alexander, aged 61 years, resident in East Windsor in the County of Hartford, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

In Capt. Seward's company, Col. John Crane's Regt., in the Artillery Corps, during the war; that his original time of application was 12th May, 1818, and his pension certificate is number 14,646."

* * * * *

"That his occupation is that of a farmer, and his family consists of a wife, aged 52 years, very feeble, and two children, Nelson Alexander, aged 14 years, and Lydia Alexander, aged 10 years, quite feeble and unable to attend school."

(Signed) *"Thomas Alexander."*

Thomas Alexander married Mabel Dorchester.* Their children were: Nelson, Mary, Collins, *Lydia*, Henry.

Lydia Alexander was born September 14, 1810, and though at ten years of age she "was feeble and unable to attend school," she afterward married David Couch, and became the mother of eight children, and is still living (1904), at the age of ninety-four.

The children of David and Lydia (Alexander) Couch were: Charles, Walter, Jerome, Mary, Jemima, Emma, Lura, John.

Mrs. Couch's life has been spent in Manchester and vicinity. Her recollection of the stories of her father's war experience is not vivid, but she recalls with pride hearing him tell of his presence at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Alice Barrett Cheney.

Authority: Connecticut Men of the Revolution, pp. 632, 666.

* The date of his marriage and the birth dates of his children are not obtainable, except Lydia's, the subject of this sketch.

HOME OF CAPTAIN GILES LANGDON, SOUTHINGTON.

Birthplace of Sylvia (Langdon) Dunham.

(Tree measures 30 feet around the base and 150 feet in spread of branches.)

Ruth Hart Chapter

MERIDEN

Daughters of	Patriots
SYLVIA (LANGDON) DUNHAM	GILES LANGDON —Captain
MARY SPOONER	MICAH SPOONER
	JONAH TODD —Gun Locksmith
MARY (TODD) HALL	THELUS TODD
	——— ——— TODD
	——— TODD
BETSEY (PARKER) JERALDS	STEPHEN PARKER
MARY ANN (LUCAS) DART	ISRAEL LUCAS
JERUSHA L'HOMMEDIEU (DOANE) CARTER	JOEL DOANE
JEMIMA MATILDA (DOANE) SNOW	
ALMIRA (HUNTING) BUTLER	AMOS HUNTING

SYLVIA (LANGDON) DUNHAM.

(When one hundred years and nine months old.)

(Now living (1904) aged one hundred and four years.)

SYLVIA (LANGDON) DUNHAM

GILES LANGDON—PATRIOT

GILES LANGDON was born May 24, 1763, and entered the Revolutionary Army at the age of sixteen. He served six months, the greater part of the time stationed at "Horseneck," Fairfield County, Conn.*

Giles Langdon married 1st, January 20, 1785, Sarah Carter; 2d, May 12, 1825, Sarah (Clarke), widow of Sylvester Frisbie.

His children by his first wife, Sarah (Carter) Langdon, were:

Perry, b. March 12, 1786; m. May 5, 1814, Lucy Hart; d. Nov. 20, 1879.
Levi, b. Dec. 20, 1787; m. 1st, Oct. 5, 1814, Clarissa Hyde; 2d, Nov. 15, 1831, Margaret A. Moffitt; 3d, Aug. 2, 1835, Mrs. Hannah (Lewis) Benjamin; d. Oct. 2, 1862.
Catherine, b. July 13, 1792; m. Feb. 24, 1814, Asahel Woodruff; d. Feb. 1, 1859.
Ruth, b. Feb. 13, 1794; m. March 20, 1816, Stephen Clarke; d. Sept. 20, 1875.
Sarah, b. July 14, 1796; d. Oct. 12, 1824.
Sylvia, b. July 27, 1800; m. Dec. 23, 1824, Chauncey Dunham.
Infant child, b. Sept. 10, 1802; d. Nov. 3, 1802.
Charles C., b. Aug. 6, 1806; m. Aug. 6, 1829, Eliza Moore; d. June 8, 1889.
Giles N., b. April 20, 1808; m. 1st, Aug. 11, 1830, Emma Ann Pardee; 2d, Nov. 6, 1851, Mrs. Mary (Pardee) Houghton; d. Jan. 15, 1878.

By his second wife, Sarah (Clarke) Langdon, one child, namely:

Dwight, b. Dec. 17, 1827; m. May 7, 1840, Minerva Upson; d. April 30, 1860.

Giles Langdon died February 11, 1847.

The Ruth Hart Chapter has two honorary members who attained the great age of one hundred and four and one hundred and five

* Giles Langdon was the son of Giles Langdon (born July 22, 1720) and Ruth Andrews.

Levi Langdon, an older brother of Giles Langdon 2d (born December 31, 1754), was graduated at Yale College, 1777, studied theology and settled in Alstead, N. H. In Sketches of Southington it is written of him: "His holy example and godly conversation were ever an excellent comment on the doctrines he inculcated and thus he became what his people and their descendants denominated 'an everyday preacher.'" From Timlow's History of Southington, Connecticut.

In local history Giles Langdon's name appears with the rank of Captain.

years, Mrs. Sylvia (Langdon) Dunham, the subject of this sketch, and Miss Mary Spooner of the following sketch.

Sylvia (Langdon) Dunham, the fourth daughter of Captain Giles Langdon, was born July 27, 1800, in the town of Southington. Her girlhood was passed in Southington in the useful occupations which fell to the lot of a farmer's daughter in those days. Reading, spell-

HOME OF MRS. SYLVIA (LANGDON) DUNHAM, SOUTHINGTON.
(House is one hundred and fifteen years old.)

ing and writing were thought an all-sufficient curriculum for girls in the day schools, but "ciphering" schools two evenings in the week gave them some slight knowledge of arithmetic. This course of study did not induce nervous prostration and the subject of our sketch grew to womanhood, blest with a sound mind in a healthy body. At the age of twenty-four she was married to a well-to-do farmer of Southington, Mr. Chauncey Dunham, a widower with two children. Mr. Dunham's home was an inn or tavern, so that in addition to the family proper, including the "help" for farm and

house, there was the transient guest to be provided for, and the household was never a small one. To guide it successfully required vigorous physical health, good judgment, quick intelligence and sound sense, qualities which Mrs. Dunham possessed in large measure. One daughter, who died in infancy, and four sons came to gladden her heart, and in her old age the achievement of her life to which she refers with greatest pride is that she "brought up five boys, and they all grew up to be good men."

The children of Chauncey Dunham and Sylvia (Langdon) Dunham, his wife, are:

Charles C., b. May 3, 1828; m. 1st, May 23, 1850, Ermina S. Andrews; 2d, Dec., 1872, Mrs. Martha Fuller; d. Sept. 1, 1887.

George, b. April 7, 1830; m. 1st, May 3, 1853, Isabella Bradley; m. 2d, May 7, 1861, Mary J. Johnson; living in Unionville, Conn.

Giles L., b. July 10, 1832; m. 1st, March 17, 1858, Nancy A. Robinson; m. 2d, May 12, 1874, Julia Platt.

Samuel, b. Feb. 8, 1835; m. 1st, Oct. 6, 1863, Sarah M. Clark; m. 2d, Dec. 10, 1901, Roberta McLeod; a minister living in Binghamton, N. Y.

In the old homestead, to which she came as a bride eighty-three years ago, she is spending a comfortable old age, still in the possession of her mental faculties, as gracious and hospitable as when guiding the household now presided over by her son's wife.

Her home is on the turnpike between New Haven and Farmington. Near it was built, in the early years of the last century, the Northampton Canal, later the railroad, and lastly trolley tracks were laid, all parallel lines within a few feet of each other and in front of Mrs. Dunham's home. She has thus lived during the age of the stage coach, canal boat, railroad train, trolley car, bicycle and automobile. She is a wide reader and takes a keen interest in all that is going on in the world, especially in church and missionary work, to which she contributes regularly, although she has not attended church for some years. The rare privilege has been given to her of living in three centuries. It is a long life, filled with many blessings and precious memories.

Hannah Keith Peck.
Isabella B. Dunham.
Julia P. Dunham.
(Mrs. Giles L. Dunham.)

MARY SPOONER

MICAH SPOONER—PATRIOT

MARY SPOONER.
(One hundred and five years old.)

MISS MARY SPOONER enjoyed the distinction of having attained the age of one hundred and five years. She was born February 8, 1794, and died April 28, 1899, exceeding by thirty-five years life's allotted span, and continuing in the possession of her faculties and in fine health almost to the last. Her senses were very acute and she had a wonderful memory. She was in fact a living record of local historical facts.

She was of medium height and very erect, as her superb bodily *pose* in the illustration testifies.

Her home was in New Bedford, Mass., about two miles from Acushnet, a quaint farm house, some distance from the road and surrounded by wooded pastures. She has lived in three towns and one city without ever having moved, the name having changed several times. She was born in the town of Dartmouth, Mass., which became Fairhaven, afterwards Acushnet and finally the city of New Bedford.

Her father, Micah Spooner, was one of the Minute Men who marched from Dartmouth (New Bedford) to Roxbury, April 21, 1775, in the company of Captain Thomas Kempton.*

Patriot Micah Spooner was also one of the earliest settlers of Acushnet. His wife was Patience Crapo. They had eleven children, as follows: Mercy, Patience, Anna, Margaret, Hannah, Micah, Jonathan, MARY, Priscilla, Cynthia and Alden. All were born near the site of the present house, in the pioneer log-cabin, which was looked upon, until the time of its removal a few years ago, as a curiosity. The family was a long-lived one. Micah Spooner died at the age of seventy, while his wife reached the ripe age of ninety-four, and all their children except one lived to be between eighty and ninety-one years of age.

In her younger days Miss Spooner was a noted dancer, and on her one hundred and first birthday, in response to an invitation from her grandniece, this centenarian arose from her chair and slowly circled about the room with much of her youthful grace and sprightliness. She was always able to wait upon herself, and to go about indoors and out, and even attended to various household duties. On the occasion of a visit from a member of the Ruth Hart Chapter she recited two or three poems which she had treasured up in her memory since childhood.

When the time for parting came she accompanied her guests to the door, and it was with a feeling of reverence that they took the hand which she extended, for during the hour spent with her they had had a glimpse of past scenes which heretofore had been known to them only in history.

Mary E. Morgan.
(MRS. HUBERT W. MORGAN.)

* Connecticut School Journal, copied from New Bedford *Evening Journal*, December, 1897.

MARY (TODD) HALL.

(From a photograph taken in Mrs. Hall's home on the afternoon when the Ruth Hart Chapter celebrated Mrs. Hall's ninety-first birthday and presented her with the Souvenir Spoon—gift of the National Society.)

MARY (TODD) HALL

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

TODD—ROGERS

THELUS TODD, the father of Mary (Todd) Hall, was born May 12, 1763, in North Branford, Conn., and in the spring of 1781 was drafted and sent to Fort Griswold, New London, where he served under Colonel Ledyard for six weeks, when, owing to illness, he was sent home on a furlough. This was only a few days previous to Benedict Arnold's raid upon New London, and the capture of Fort Griswold (September 6). The surrender of Cornwallis soon after this (October 19), put an end to hostilities, and young Todd was never recalled for service in the army.

Thelus Todd was the son of Jonah Todd, a descendant of Christopher Todd who came to Boston in 1637 and who was one of the original settlers of New Haven in 1638. Jonah Todd was a goldsmith by trade, and during the war he rendered aid to his country by making gunlocks, in which work he was assisted by his youngest son, Thelus, then too young to enter the army. Mrs. Hall remembers going through the building where they worked, and hearing of the work done there. Two older sons of Jonah Todd enlisted as Artificers in the early years of the war and served until its close. One of these helped to forge the chain stretched across the Hudson River near West Point, to hinder the progress of the British vessels up the river.

Jonah[5] Todd (son of Stephen,[4] Samuel,[3] Samuel,[2] Christopher[1]) settled in Bethany, where he had a sawmill. His children were Charles, Ambrose, Thaddeus, *Thelus*, Jonah, Eli, Lucy (who married Daniel Hotchkiss), Chauncy, Hannah and Esther Lowly (whose death preceded his own).

Thelus Todd married October 15, 1794, Irene Rogers (born in North Branford, November 28, 1766). She was a descendant of John Rogers the martyr, in the fifth generation. Irene Rogers remembered well incidents connected with Tryon's invasion of New Haven (1779), and years afterwards often told her children of it as follows: The "red coats" landed at the East Haven shore and the Todd family and their neighbors loading their ox carts with bedding and food and throwing the family silverware into the well hurried to the woods, where they camped for three or four days. In their haste a very young calf was left in the barn, shut away from its mother, and the young girl's heart was sorely grieved. On their return she found to her joy that the calf was still alive, but exceedingly hungry. Mrs. Todd also often told her children that her father, Thomas Rogers, entertained George Washington, who, passing through the town, stopped at the Rogers' home for rest and refreshment.

Thomas Rogers, son of Josiah and Lydia Rogers, was born Nov. 19, 1726; married first, in 1748, Rebecca Gildersheath, who died in 1751; married second, Rebecca Hobart, Oct. 12, 1752. Their children were:

Abijah, b. Dec. 22, 1753.
Rufus, b. Aug. 5, 1756.
Josiah, b. Nov. 22, 1761.
Eliphalet, b. June 2, 1764.
Irene, b. Nov. 28, 1766.
Ammi, b. May 26, 1769.
Hobart, b. April 13, 1773.

Thelus Todd, after the war, became a farmer of much energy and excellent judgment, and was much respected in the community where he lived. He was public spirited and liberal in his contributions to the church to which he belonged.

The children of Thelus Todd and Irene (Rogers) Todd, his wife, were:

Wyllis, b. Aug. 7, 1798; d. April 4, 1849.
Rebecca, b. July 29, 1800.
Thelus, b. Sept. 19, 1802.
Mary, b. Feb. 18, 1805.
Esther, b. Nov. 4, 1808; d. May 11, 1818.

Thelus Todd died Feb. 1, 1846, aged eighty-one years. Irene Todd, his wife, died April 21, 1860, aged ninety-three years and five months.

Mary Todd, the subject of this sketch, was born in North Branford, Conn., February 18, 1805. Early in life she married Orrin Hall of Wallingford, Conn., and here her four children* were born. Upon the death of her husband, about twenty-three years ago, she removed to Meriden, and spent the remaining years of her life with her daughter.† At the age of ninety she became a member of Ruth Hart Chapter, and on her ninety-first birthday received the souvenir spoon.

Some of her needlework done at the advanced age of eighty-six years is an object lesson of industry and skill. She lived to be nearly ninety-three years of age, and retained all her faculties, keeping alive a keen interest in politics, as well as an accurate knowledge of the lives and services of the public men of our time. She was a member of the Episcopal Church, an earnest Christian and a most lovable woman.

Her death came as she had always wished, suddenly and peacefully. She was ill but a few hours, and quietly passed into that "calm and undisturbed repose" which is the foretaste of the "rest that remaineth to the people of God." She died November 15, 1897.

* The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hall were

Benjamin, b. Oct. 30, 1830; m. Martha Todd, Nov. 4, 1857; m. 2d, Clarissa Porter, April 11, 1866.

Gloson, b. Jan. 20, 1834; m. Caroline Tredway, Nov. 28, 1860; m. 2d, ———.

Mary, b. April 12, 1838; m. Ransom Baldwin, Jan. 22, 1867.

Elbert, b. March 6, 1841; m. Lydia Adela Bartholomew, April 10, 1865.

† Mrs. Ransom Baldwin.

BETSEY (PARKER) JERALDS.

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STEPHEN PARKER—PATRIOT

MRS. BETSEY (PARKER) JERALDS, the first Patriot's Daughter to become a member of the Ruth Hart Chapter, was born in Cheshire, Conn., May 1, 1807. She was the daughter of Stephen Parker, who was also born in Cheshire, August 5, 1759.

When eighteen years of age Stephen Parker of Cheshire enlisted (May, 1777) in

Colonel Roger Enos' Regiment
Captain James Peck's Company (Wallingford),

and (according to his own record, as found in his pension application), marched to Five Mile Point at East Haven; also from the pension record is the following: In September the company was ordered to proceed to North River, where they met the regular troops, and were attached to Gen. Parsons' regiment, under General Putnam. His term of enlistment being six months, Stephen Parker was discharged the latter part of December (1777).

In July, 1779, he went as a substitute for his brother and served in

Captain Amos Hotchkiss' Company

about three months, being with the troops that answered the alarms at New Haven, Danbury and Fairfield.

In June, 1780, he again enlisted and served under

Colonel Heman Swift
Seventh Regiment, Connecticut Line,

and was with the regiment at Nelson's Point, New York. From there the regiment was marched to Peekskill and to King's Ferry, across the ferry to the Jersey side, thence to Tappan (a distance of about thirty-five miles, he thinks),* where he saw Major André

* This account of the march is from his pension application. He received a pension of $53.33 per annum under the Act of June 7, 1832. He died July 1, 1846.

See also Connecticut Men in the Revolution, pp. 228, 615, 660.

HOME OF STEPHEN PARKER, CHESHIRE.

hanged. The December following they marched back, recrossing the river at the same place, and thence to the Highlands, where the Connecticut troops built themselves huts to winter in. Here he was discharged in December.

Mrs. Jeralds, in speaking of her patriotic father, said: "He often related to his children incidents connected with his life in the Revolutionary Army. At one time, when his regiment had been two days without food, it was learned that a shipload of turnips had arrived by the Hudson River. My father was selected as being trustworthy to go and buy a part of this tempting food. On reaching the banks of the Hudson his purchase was soon made, but so hungrily did he look upon these raw provisions that the owner presented him with two small turnips, and I have heard him say that never in his life had anything tasted sweeter than those two raw turnips."

Stephen Parker was present at the execution of André, and with a face glowing with pride he recalled that although the three young men who captured André were poor, they would not release him or sell their honor and their country for gold.

Stephen Parker married 1st, Sarah Twiss, May 27, 1787. The following children were born to them:

Clarissa, b. June 10, 1788; d. May 27, 1789.
Ziri, b. Aug. 1, 1790.
Stephen, b. July 17, 1792; d. Jan. 15, 1794.
Stephen, b. Nov. 3, 1794.
Sarah, b. March 11, 1797.
Clarissa, b. March 10, 1800; d. March 13, 1800.
Joel, b. March 11, 1801.
Isabella, b. Nov. 25, 1803.

Stephen Parker married 2d, Rebecca (Ray) Stone, January 6, 1805. The following children were born to them:

John, b. Aug. 30, 1805.
Betsey, b. May 1, 1807.
Charles, b. Jan. 2, 1809.
Edmund, b. Feb. 9, 1811.

The name of George Washington was a sacred one to Stephen Parker, and he never wearied of telling of the great and brave

Father of our Country. Often he repeated an old poem called "A New Song," the first verse of which was:

"Old England, forty years ago,
When we were young and slender,
She aimed at us a mighty blow.
But God was our defender."

Of her mother's connection with the war, Mrs. Parker related the following: "My mother, Rebecca Ray, was living with her mother in New Haven when the British invaded the town. Her home was plundered of everything valuable. The gold beads were stripped from her mother's neck and the silver buckles from her shoes, while a British officer stood with drawn sword threatening her life, should she resist."

Betsey Parker married Rev. Thomas Jeralds, a Methodist minister of the New York Conference, and for several years experienced the sunshine and shadows of the itineracy. There were born to them three children, two of whom are living. Rev. Thomas Jeralds died November 4, 1861. Mrs. Jeralds died June 27, 1901, aged ninety-four years.

Edith Love Stockder.
(MRS. C. E. STOCKDER.)
Helen R. Merriam.
(MRS. GEORGE C. MERRIAM.)

Six descendants of Stephen Parker are members of Ruth Hart Chapter; one daughter and five granddaughters.

MARY ANN (LUCAS) DART

ISRAEL LUCAS—PATRIOT

MARY ANN (LUCAS) DART.

ISRAEL LUCAS, the father of Mrs. Dart, enlisted in the Revolutionary Army March, 1776, for a term of nine months. He served in the

Dutchess County, New York State Militia

Sixth Regiment, in command of

Colonel Morris Graham

Lieutenant William Swartout's Company.

He was discharged from service December, 1776, at Fort Montgomery, and his name is among the pensioners from Glastonbury, Conn. He died in South Glastonbury March 22, 1834. His wife was Mabel Bidwell.

THE DART HOMESTEAD, SOUTH GLASTONBURY.

(One hundred and fifty years old.)

Mary Ann Lucas was born October 28, 1811, and still lives (1904) in the house where she was born. Mrs. Dart is the mother of nine children, of whom seven are living. She has twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is in good health for one of her years. She is able to read and write without the aid of glasses and enjoys meeting her many friends. She is the oldest member of the Congregational Church in South Glastonbury, and takes a deep interest in its welfare.

Authority: Connecticut Men in the Revolution, p. 665.

JERUSHA L'HOMMEDIEU (DOANE) CARTER
JEMIMA MATILDA (DOANE) SNOW

JOEL DOANE—PATRIOT

JOEL DOANE, the father of Mrs. Carter and of Mrs. Snow, was born in Saybrook, Conn., January 9, 1763, and died in Westbrook, Conn., November 23, 1852.

He enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary War and served three years. Although so young—for he was but eighteen years old when Cornwallis surrendered (1781)—yet he was so fortunate as to receive the personal commendation of General Washington, who, when passing the regiment, patted the young man on the shoulder, saying, "you are a good soldier." During one engagement his position was so near the cannon that the noise caused a deafness of the left ear, from which he never recovered. On account of this disability he received a pension under the Act of 1818.

At the close of the war he became a farmer, and married June 20, 1787, Lydia Stannard. They had four children. He married second, Jemima L'Hommedieu (born December 2, 1772; died June 21, 1855). Four children were born to him by this marriage, namely: JERUSHA, born May 9, 1806; Jason, born 1808; JEMIMA, born January 28, 1810, and Curtis, born 1812.

The longevity of the family is worthy of note. Joel Doane lived to be eighty-nine years old and two of his sons are still living (1902), aged respectively eighty-six and ninety years; also a daughter, aged ninety-four.

Mrs. Carter was a resident of Clinton, Conn., until her death, June 6, 1899. She left four children, fifteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. She joined the Ruth Hart Chapter January 7, 1898.

Mrs. Snow, born January 28, 1810, was the third child of Joel and Jemima (L'Hommedieu) Doane. She married David Snow, and has lived in Meriden nearly forty years. She had ten children, eight of whom are living, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She joined the Ruth Hart Chapter March 17, 1896, but is not able to attend any of the meetings, nor to attend the church services.

Authority: Connecticut Men in the Revolution, page 633.

ALMIRA (HUNTING) BUTLER

AMOS HUNTING—PATRIOT

ALMIRA (HUNTING) BUTLER.

AMOS HUNTING, the father of Mrs. Butler, was born in Dedham, Massachusetts, March 15, 1763, and died at Belchertown, Massachusetts, January 23, 1846.*

He enlisted as a private from the town of Dedham, Mass., marching to camp July 15, 1780, continuing in active service until his discharge, January 3, 1781, being then only eighteen years of age. He was an eye-witness of *the execution of Major André*, and of this event his daughter often heard him speak as one that

* From Hunting Genealogy.

made a lasting and terrible impression on his memory. His daughter also remembered her father's reference to the rations of the war.

For his services in the army he received £11. 18s. 8d.* Some of this Continental money which he received in 1781, is still in the possession of his granddaughter.†

No.
FIVE DOLLARS.
THIS Bill entitles the Bearer to receive FIVE SPANISH MILLED DOLLARS, or the Value thereof in GOLD or SILVER, according to a Resolution of CONGRESS, paſſed at Philadelphia, July 22, 1776.
FIVE DOLLARS.

CONTINENTAL CURRENCY.

(From a photograph of a five dollar bill, dated July 22, 1776, being a portion of the money and the very bill paid to Patriot Amos Hunting for his services in the war. Now in the possession of his granddaughter.)

Soon after the close of the war Amos Hunting married (November 8, 1786) Olive Newell (born in Dedham, Massachusetts, November 5, 1766). Eleven children were born to them, namely:

Olive, b. Oct. 23, 1787.
Betsey, b. Jan. 7, 1790.
Lydia, b. March 31, 1792.
Amos, b. April 3, 1794; d. Aug. 30, 1803.
Rebecca, b. Jan. 5, 1797.

* Records of the Revolutionary War, Boston, Mass. Lawyers' Certificate in Department of National Affairs in Boston, Mass.

† Mrs. S. T. Proudman (Meriden), who also has in her possession the original pension papers of her grandfather, the patriot, dated Dec. 8, 1845, not quite two months previous to his death.

EBENEZER N., b. ——— ———; m. Elizabeth Coolidge, July 10, 1823.
ANNA, b. Aug. 29, 1800; d. Aug. 18, 1831.
SARAH, b. June 21, 1802.
NATHAN, b. Sept. 25, 1805; m. Melinda Smith, April 2, 1832.
Almira, b. Oct. 4, 1806.
REUBEN, b. Sept. 11, 1808; m. Sarah Lamprey, May 9, 1833, Gilmore City, Iowa.

Amos Hunting, the patriot, died January 23, 1846, at Belchertown, Massachusetts.

Almira Hunting, the tenth child of the patriot, was born in Needham, Mass., October 4, 1806. She married Ephraim Butler and was the mother of eight children, namely: Amos, Susan Almira, H. Maria, Reuben, Reuben Little, Sarah Elizabeth, Caroline Rebecca, William Henry.

Mrs. Butler was an active member of the Congregational Church of Shutesbury, Mass., where her married life was spent; after it became impossible for her to attend the regular services, she retained her connection with the church through frequent correspondence.

(Signature written March 2, 1896, when Mrs. Butler was ninety years old.)

For the last fourteen years of her life her home was with her daughter in Meriden, Conn. Her physical strength failed gradually, but her mind was clear until the last. Her character was lovely in the extreme and the end came as a deep sleep. Mrs. Butler died September 8, 1897.

Hannah Keith Peck.

Those who assisted Miss Peck in the preparation of these sketches are: Mrs. Mary (Hall) Baldwin, Todd-Hall sketch; Mrs. John D. Davis, Lucas-Dart sketch; Mrs. Geo. W. Lyon, Doane-Carter and Doane-Snow sketch; Mrs. H. Maria (Butler) Proudman, Hunting-Butler sketch.

"GOD SAVE THE CONGRESS."

A leaf from Fife-Major Benjamin Swetland's Roster. Music copied by him for his fife.

Ruth Wyllys Chapter

HARTFORD

Daughters of	Patriots
FLORILLA (SWETLAND) PIERCE	BENJAMIN SWETLAND —Fife Major
	DANIEL SWETLAND
	LUKE SWETLAND
CAROLINE FOSTER	ASA FOSTER
STATIRA (HODGE) BEARDSLEY	PHILO HODGE
TIRZAH MORGAN PARSONS	ISRAEL PARSONS —Asst. to Commissary General

A New Song.

America to arms prepare
Honor and Glory calls for war
Exert yourselves with force and might
And see how the American boys can fight
For to maintain our charter rights.
Fight on brave boys.

Hark! how their warlike trumpet sounds
Where there is nothing but blood and wounds
Drums a-beating, colours flying,
Canon roaring, Tories dying,
These are the noble effects of war.
Fight on brave boys.

The haughty Tories never will
Forget the fight at Bunker Hill
Although they gained the field by blood,
By all that we have understood,
They dare not venture out again.
Fight on brave boys.

You that reign masters of this land
Shake off your slothfulness and stand
We'll make the haughty Tories know
The tortures they must undergo
When they engage their mortal foe.
Fight on brave boys.

Display your colors, beat your drums
Batter their shipping, dismount their guns.
United sons of American fame
Let not your courage ever fail
We'll drive the Hessians back again.
Fight on brave boys.

Why then should we be daunted at all
Since we have engaged in so good a cause
As fighting for our rights and laws
And dying in so just a cause
We'll prove their fatal overthrow.
Fight on brave boys.
Finis.

For the year 1780. B.S.

(From Fife-Major Benjamin Swetland's Revolutionary Roster. His own composition.)

FLORILLA (SWETLAND) PIERCE

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES

SWETLAND—HANCOCK

BENJAMIN SWETLAND, the father of Mrs. Pierce, was born in Bolton, Conn., September 29, 1756, and died in Waterville, N. Y., September 29, 1819. During the war and his early married life, his residence was in Somers, Connecticut. He first enlisted for service May 1, 1777, in the Third Massachusetts Regiment, under the command of

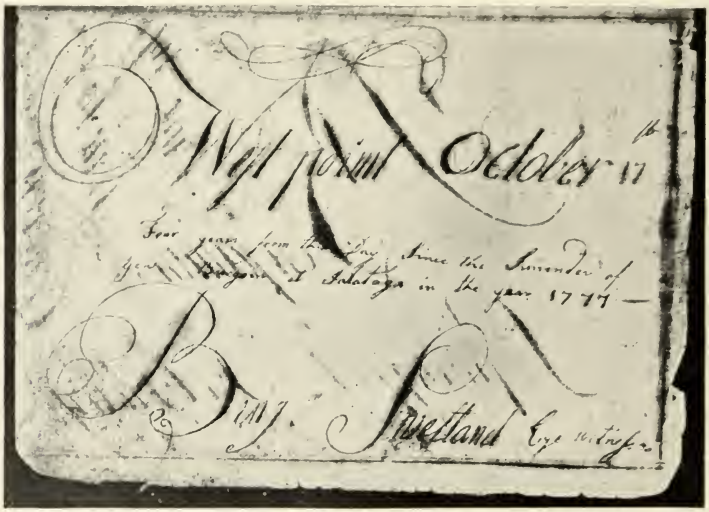
Colonel John Greaton of Roxbury
Captain Charles Colton's Company.

Benjamin Swetland kept the roster of the company and used that book during the war, and later for memoranda. Here he made entries of births, deaths, and other events of family interest. "There are also in that precious book, military orders, speeches, ciphers—occult characters for the alphabet and figures, Bible verses and hymns, and miscellaneous memoranda." Thus writes his great-granddaughter,* who made a study of his life from his writings and from reminiscences, and tradition. The same descendant also says: "While I was studying his book I became deeply interested in his character. I soon learned to respect, admire and love him. . . . He was only twenty years old when he enlisted the first time, for three years 'to do or die for his country.' I could imagine him with his fife, and full of music, romance, and military ardor. The romance is indicated by a correspondence (copied) between two lovers, and the military ardor is expressed in original verses."

On one page appears this entry: "Appointed May 1, 1777, Fife Major, Benjamin Swetland." His weekly return of February 24, 1780, is signed, "Benjamin Swetland, Sargt." In another place he writes "A short account of a three years' campaign. In May,

* The late Mrs. Delia (Bidwell) Ward of Hartford.

1777. I enlisted under the command of Col° John Greaton of Roxbury, Mass., in Capt. Charles Colton's Company of Springfield, until the August to guard Continental stores, and then received orders to join the Regiment which we found at Van Skoik's Island near Halfmoon, then from there to Stillwater, then after the battles; then Saratoga, wheare Burgoine surrendered with all his army to the Americans." He notes this last event again in another place as follows: "Westpoint, October 17th.; Four years from this day


West point October 17th
Four years from the Day since the Surrender of
Saratoga in the year 1777 —
Benj. Swetland Eye Witness

A LEAF FROM BENJAMIN SWETLAND'S ROSTER.

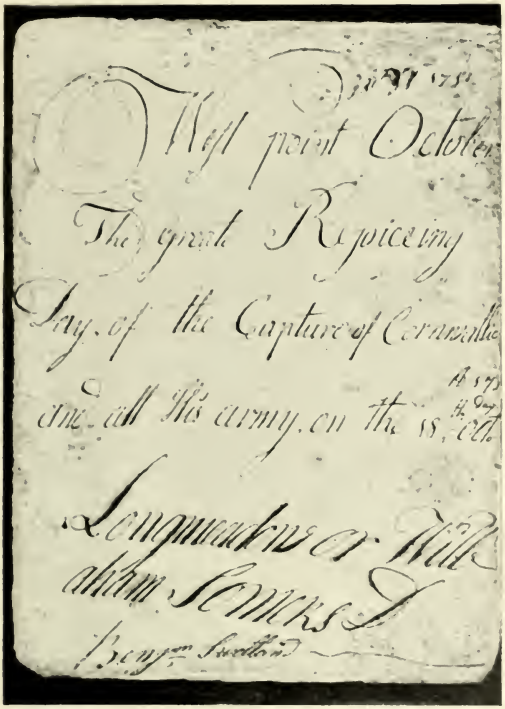
West Point, October 17th. Four years from this Day since the Surrender of Gen. Burgoin at Saratoga in the year 1777. Benj. Swetland Eye Witness.

since the surrender of Genl. Burgoin at Saratoga in the year 1777—Benjamin Swetland, Eye Witness."

Again he writes that on Sunday, April 30, 1780, at Continental Village: "I got my discharge from the service of the United of America; and came as far as Crompound and tarried there till Wensday, the 3rd of May, and then I set out and came to Salem that day, and the next day I came to Woodbury and there I staid until Monday, the 8 of May, and then I set out from Woodbury and came to Southington, and the next day I arrived at Hartford, Friday, May the 9th, 1780."

Benjamin Swetland re-enlisted August 23, 1780, "att Westpoint" (roster) in Capt. Cook's Company; Col. Canfield's Regiment of Militia.

Daniel Swetland, a brother of Benjamin, served during the Revolution under Colonels Davidson and Pynchon. He encamped at



A LEAF FROM BENJAMIN SWETLAND'S ROSTER.

West Point 31st 1781 October. The great Rejoicing Day of the Capture of Cornwallis and all his army on the 18th day October 1781. Longmeadow or Wilbraham Somers.

Benjm. Swetland

Roxbury, Mass., and was with the army that besieged Boston. He was at Quebec October 6, 1775, and also in the Bennington Alarm Service. He was detached from Colonel Pynchon's regiment and ordered to join General Gates. He left September 24, 1777 for the seat of danger, and was thus present, though on the other side of the river, at the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga.

"The old order of things had plainly passed away."

MUSKET AND WARMING PAN OF SERGEANT AND FIFE-MAJOR BENJAMIN SWETLAND.

(The musket was carried by him through the war.)

Luke Swetland,* an uncle of Benjamin and Daniel, was also a Revolutionary soldier. He enlisted September 17, 1776, in Captain Robert Durffee's Independent Company, and encamped at Morristown, N. J., during the winter of 1777.

Benjamin Swetland married, near the close of the war, Rosanna Hancock. In the Hancock family Jabez Hancock, Jr., Rosanna Swetland's brother, served at Ticonderoga from December 5, 1776, to April 2, 1777, in Captain Daniel Cadwell's Company, Colonel Timothy Robinson's Detachment of Militia from Massachusetts. Abner, another brother, and Jabez Hancock, Jr., served in Captain Charles Colton's Company, Third Massachusetts Regiment. Five others of her Hancock kinsmen served in the same company, namely: Moses, son of John Hancock, Jr., and second wife Abigail (Terry); Abel, son of Abel Hancock, and wife Eunice (Parsons), and William, Oliver, Zacharia, sons of William Hancock and wife Hannah (Long). They all lived at Longmeadow, Mass., a border town on the Connecticut line.

Benjamin Swetland married Rosanna Hancock of Longmeadow, Mass., June 6, 1782. They were the parents of eleven children:

Lovicy, b. in Somers, Conn., Jan. 3, 1784; m. James Bidwell of Windsor (Wintonbury Parish), Thanksgiving day, 1802; d. Sept. 16, 1821.

Rosanna, b. in Somers, March 16, 1786; m. Feb. 21, 1804, Amos Osborn of Waterville, Oneida County, N. Y.; d. Jan. 7, 1865.

Warren, b. in Somers.

Jamin, b. in East Windsor, Conn., March 31, 1791; d. in Camillus, Onondaga County, N. Y.

Cynthia, b. in East Windsor, May 12, 1793; m. 1st (as his 2d wife), Ebenezer Shattuck, Dec. 20, 1813; 2d, Levi Benton.

Alva, b. in East Windsor, Oct. 31, 1795; d. in Onondaga County, N. Y.

Polly, b. in East Windsor, Oct. 29, 1797; m. John Eames in 1816, lived in Honeoye Falls, Munroe County, N. Y.; d. Dec. 3, 1851.

Lyman, b. in East Windsor, May 2, 1799.

Florilla, b. in Waterville, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1803; m. Reuben Pierce, May 21, 1823; lives in North Bloomfield, N. Y.

Sevilla, b. in Waterville, Oct. 25, 1805; m. 1st, Thomas Jeffreys, M.D.; 2d, Joseph Hadger, both of Port Byron, Cayuga County, N. Y.; d. April 27, 1877.

Marcia, b. Sept. 18, 1809; m. James Smith of Chicago; d. June 12, 1885.

* He was one of the settlers of Wyoming, Pennsylvania, and was made a captive by the Seneca Indians. A narrative of his life among them, written by himself, has been printed.

Benjamin Swetland and his family moved to East Windsor, Conn., March 16, 1791, and in November, 1799, to Sangerfield (Waterville), Oneida County, N. Y., whither the parents of Mrs. Swetland—Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Hancock—had preceded them. The two couples are buried in the old cemetery of the town, where a well-preserved tombstone marks their resting place.

GRAVESTONE OF BENJAMIN SWETLAND AND WIFE, ROSANNA (HANCOCK) SWETLAND.

Also of her parents, Jabez Hancock and wife, Rachel (Wright) Hancock, Waterville, Oneida County, N. Y. Jabez Hancock was a soldier of the Colonial Wars and "suffered great hardships."

Florilla (Swetland) Pierce was born in Sangerfield (now Waterville), Oneida County, N. Y. Of purely New England extraction, her ancestry can be traced to the original Puritan settlers in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Florilla Swetland received a good education. When she was six years old she attended the district school, then the academy, of Waterville, N. Y., and later she went to Mr. Latimore's school of Bloomfield, Conn. She was also sent to a singing school.

Her youth was a happy one, for although her father's home was dominated by the spirit of old-fashioned religion, it was in no way gloomy, and she recalls the many entertainments she attended. She was instructed in housekeeping and learned to make butter and cheese, to spin flax and tow, and to do fine sewing. The Sabbath was kept with the utmost strictness. The cooking for Sunday was all done on Saturday. After attending two church services the dinner was eaten, but the table was not cleared away until after sundown, and in the interim the catechism was studied.

While visiting her brother Jamin in Syracuse, N. Y., Florilla Swetland taught school for five months during the summer of 1820. The following summer she kept a school in West Bloomfield, N. Y. Here she met her future husband, Mr. Reuben Pierce, a soldier of the War of 1812. They were married May 21, 1823, and eleven children were born to them:

Benjamin Swetland Pierce, b. May 31, 1825; m. Salina M. Wiggins, Oct. 21, 1847; d. Sept. 1, 1890.

Amos Eldridge Pierce, b. April 12, 1827; m. Emily Foote.

Marcia Lovicy Pierce, b. Aug. 9, 1829; m. A. J. Carmichael, June 13, 1855.

Sevilla Lucia Pierce, b. Aug. 11, 1831; m. Henry Clark, April 14, 1857; d. July 12, 1862.

Daniel King Pierce, b. Aug. 2, 1833; d. an infant.

Rosanna Osborn Pierce, b. Oct. 17, 1835; m. William W. St. John, Jan. 27, 1860.

Mary Andalusia Pierce, b. March 2, 1838; m. 1st, Henry Clark, March 25, 1863; 2d, Columbus White, April 22, 1866; d. March 9, 1880.

Franklin King Pierce, b. Nov. 11, 1841; m. Sarah Raines; d. May 8, 1897.

Flora Louisa Pierce, b. April 27, 1844; m. Ely Babcock, Jan. 28, 1861.

Catherine Rosalie Pierce, b. August 8, 1847.

Charles Reuben Pierce, b. May 17, 1849; m. 1st, Mary A. Woodward, April 24, 1868; 2d, Lillian Hotchkiss, Aug. 4, 1881.

In 1830 Mr. Pierce and family moved to North Bloomfield, N. Y., where Mr. Pierce bought the place that has been "home" ever since for his wife.

Mrs. Pierce was admitted to the Ruth Wyllys Chapter April 15, 1896. Her papers were signed at Washington, April 25, of the same year. She is not only the daughter of a patriot who helped establish American Independence; she is also the granddaughter of a fighter in the Colonial Wars; the wife of a soldier in a later conflict; the mother of one who offered his youthful services to his country in 1864, and the kinswoman of many other soldiers.

Mrs. Pierce is still living, having passed her one hundredth birthday, August, 1903.

Mabel Ward Cameron.
(MRS. CHARLES ERNEST CAMERON.)

Authorities for Statements:

Record of Connecticut Men in the War of the American Revolution, page 581.

The Centennial Celebration of the Incorporation of the Town of Wilbraham, Massachusetts, June 15, 1863, pages 115, 117, 234, 235, 237, 238. Various service, 938-1179, 1986-2160.

Roster kept by Sergeant and Fife-Major Benjamin Swetland during the War of American Independence and now belonging to the estate of his grandson, the late William Wirt Smith, Esq. of Chicago, Ill. (The roster has recently been presented to the Chicago Historical Society.)

Luke Swetland's Narrative republished in 1876, with additional notes by the late Hon. Amos O. Osborne.

Genealogical Notes of the late Mrs. Delia (Bidwell) Ward of Hartford, Conn.

Letters from Mrs. Pierce, Miss Catherine Pierce, and others of her family.

Family tradition.

Certain photographs were furnished by Mrs. William G. Mayer, Waterville, N. Y., who is the present owner of the patriot's musket and warming pan.

CAROLINE FOSTER

COLONEL ASA FOSTER—PATRIOT

MISS FOSTER is a descendant in the sixth generation of Reginald and Judith Foster, who came from Exeter, Devonshire, England, to Ipswich, Mass., about 1633. The family lived in Ipswich and Andover, Mass., for many years, allying themselves by marriage with several well-known families of the Colony. Emerson, Winthrop, Symonds, Peabody, Hutchinson, Andrews, Abbott and Hale are among Miss Foster's ancestral names and the sterling qualities of these ancestors have come down to her through the generations.

Asa Foster, father of Caroline Foster, was the grandson of Captain Asa Foster of the French and Indian War, and was born in Canterbury, N. H., June 3, 1765. When a boy of fifteen, he obtained his father's consent to join the Revolutionary Army, and enlisted as a private soldier July 5, 1780. In the records in the Adjutant General's office, Concord, N. H., Asa Foster's name is found on the rolls of the New Hampshire Militia,

Colonel Moses Nichol's Regiment
Captain Ebenezer Webster's Company.

In 1780 this regiment joined the Continental Army at West Point, then under the command of Benedict Arnold. Here Asa Foster served for a short time in the bodyguard of the traitor, whose treason was discovered shortly after Asa Foster's discharge from this service; but he was a witness of Arnold's daring escape to the British ship Vulture. Young Foster returned home unwounded, but sadly worn by long marches and lack of food. His discharge is dated October 25, 1780.

Asa Foster retained his interest in military life after the war, and served for many years as Colonel of Militia, but he finally

CAROLINE FOSTER.

resigned, having become convinced that war was an unchristian and uncivilized mode of settling disputes. He was no less radical on the temperance question, being one of the earliest believers in total abstinence. At the annual dinner which he gave to the officers of his regiment, he even went to the length of furnishing no liquor; but what was lacking in beverages was made up by the excellent menu which he set before his guests. He entered the anti-slavery struggle with whole-souled enthusiasm and lived to see the beginning of the war which overthrew this iniquitous system. He died Aug. 21, 1861, in his native town of Canterbury, N. H., at the age of ninety-six.

Colonel Asa Foster married Sarah Morrill, Nov. 10, 1794, and to them were born twelve children:

Asa Emerson, b. Sept. 2, 1795; m. Maria Chickering, Sept. 8, 1830; d. Oct. 9, 1875.

Lucy Wilson, b. Jan. 20, 1797; m. Caleb Woodman, Jan. 15, 1823; d. Feb. 8, 1888.

Hannah, b. April 2, 1798; d. June 13, 1826.

Adams, b. Feb. 22, 1800; m. Sarah Bradley Eastman, Nov. 21, 1832; d. Nov. 18, 1873.

Harrison, b. Sept. 30, 1801; m. Caroline Chadwick, 1834; d. Nov. 3, 1841.

Mehitable, b. Oct. 31, 1803; m. Eliphalet Kilburn, Jan. 1, 1832; d. Nov. 9, 1859.

Sarah, b. Dec. 7, 1805; d. May 31, 1890.

Galen, b. Oct. 10, 1807; d. March 2, 1895.

Stephen Symonds, b. Nov. 17, 1809; m. Abby Kelley, Dec. 21, 1845; d. Sept. 8, 1881.

David Morrill, b. Oct. 30, 1811; m. Sarah Bradley Robertson, Nov. 18, 1838; d. Nov. 24, 1884.

Newell Abbott, b. Feb. 7, 1814; m. 1st, Eliza Allison; 2d, Ellen French; d. Nov. 20, 1868.

Caroline, b. Jan. 13, 1816.

Caroline Foster attended the village school in Canterbury, and the academy at Hanover, where she completed her studies. She then taught school for several years in New Hampshire and in Erie, Penn. Called home to care for her parents in their declining years, she became their devoted companion and likewise a dearly loved foster-mother to motherless nieces and nephews. With a natural taste for nursing and the practice of medicine, she responded with

ready sympathy to the many calls of kindred, neighbors and friends, and gave freely of her time and skill, her calm presence and soothing touch bringing relief and healing.

Her character, though gracious and yielding in non-essentials, is strong as the granite of her native hills, when a principle is at stake. When the anti-slavery agitation began under the leadership of William Lloyd Garrison, she threw herself, heart and soul, into the unpopular movement, cheerfully enduring the obloquy and social ostracism which such a course then entailed. She likewise became an early disciple of woman suffrage, and rigorously adhered to her father's belief in total abstinence as a cardinal principle.

In spite of Puritan sternness, a beautiful charity marks Miss Foster's social intercourse, and on her rare mental and physical nature time makes no inroads. At the age of eighty-eight, her interest in the questions of the day is as vivid, and her sympathies are as warm, as if half a century of active life still lay before her. She was admitted to the National Society D. A. R. June 3, 1897, as a member of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter of Hartford, where she now resides.

Adelaide (Foster) Brainard.
(MRS. AUSTIN BRAINARD.)
Alla W. Foster.

STATIRA (HODGE) BEARDSLEE

PHILO HODGE—PATRIOT

STATIRA (HODGE) BEARDSLEE.

PHILO HODGE, born in Milford, Conn., January 9, 1756, enlisted in January, 1776, from Roxbury, Conn., as a private in

Colonel Charles Webb's Regiment
Captain Peter Perritt's Company.

In January, 1777, he enlisted again and served for three months, under Colonel Cook. He was in the battles of Long Island, White Plains, Princeton and Trenton. He was also present at the burning of Danbury, April, 1778, in Captain Samuel Treat's Company, and was wounded in the service. He became a pensioner under the Act of 1818, and resided at Roxbury, Conn., where he died January 30, 1842.

Philo Hodge married first, Ketura Armstrong, September 12, 1778. Their marriage is recorded in the old Judea Church Record, now Washington, Connecticut. They had four children:

Eunice, b. 1779.
Lucretia, b. about 1781.
Charlotte, b. about 1783.
Asenath, b. about 1785.

Philo Hodge married second, January 1, 1787(?), Lucy Newton, and had the following children:

Chauncey, b. July 10, 1791; d. in Roxbury in 1853, aged 62.
Amanda, b. March 5, 1793.
Samantha, b. July 8, 1795.
Lucy, b. July 29, 1797.
Aurelia, b. Sept. 3, 1799.
Betsy Polly, b. July 13, 1801.
Susan and Sarah, twins, b. July 4, 1806.
Statira, b. April 5, 1808.
Philo Newton, b. Aug. 10, 1811.
Justin, b. April 21, 1815.

Mrs. Lucy Hodge died in Roxbury in 1853, aged eighty-four years.

Statira Hodge was born in the town of Roxbury, where she lived until she was sixteen years old, when she began to teach, her first school being in Washington, Conn., and her last teaching being in a private school in New York City.

She married in 1831(?) Bogardus Beardslee of Washington, Connecticut, where she resided for four years. In 1835 she removed with her husband to Hartford, which continued to be her home until her death, October 23, 1900, at the age of ninety-two.

Mrs. Beardslee was a widow for twenty-three years.* Her only child† died in 1886, leaving three children, with whom Mrs. Beardslee passed the later years of her life. She was a communicant of Christ Church, Hartford, and a faithful attendant upon its services until failing health prevented.

She was admitted to membership in the National Society, and the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, March 22, 1898. In 1899, at the request of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, she wrote a brief sketch of her life. Her manner of expression and her penmanship show an ease and culture which remained with her to the last.

Mary Kingsbury Talcott.

Authorities consulted for this sketch: Records of the Pension Bureau at Washington, D. C.
Record of Connecticut Men in the Revolution, pages 635 and 663.
Autograph letter of Mrs. Beardslee.

* Mr. Beardslee died in 1877.

† Mrs. Church.

TIRZAH MORGAN PARSONS

ISRAEL PARSONS—PATRIOT

TIRZAH MORGAN PARSONS was among the earliest members of the Connecticut D. A. R., having been admitted to the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, April 26, 1893.* She was born in Granville, Mass., and was the youngest of the twelve children of Israel Parsons and of his wife, Mary Marvin. Her early education was supplemented by several seasons at a popular school in Wethersfield, Conn., and afterwards at Westfield, Mass. Later a few years were spent in the homes of her brothers and with her sister, until the failing strength of her parents made her constant attendance necessary to them. After their death in 1846, she removed to Hartford, where she lived for fifty-three years. Her death occurred on January 10, 1900.

The following copy of the records of Israel Parsons' Revolutionary service is in the possession of his granddaughter:†

"Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., July 8, 1891:—'The following is a statement of so much of the history of Israel Parsons, a Revolutionary officer from Massachusetts, as is contained in his application for the pension which he received.

(Signed) ANDREW DAVIDSON,
Acting Commissioner."

"Israel Parsons was born June 11, 1762, at Springfield, Hampden County, Mass., and in 1766 his father removed to Granville, Hampden County, Mass., where he was residing when he applied for a pension in 1832, and where he deceased, September 20, 1846. Before he was fifteen years old, i. e., early in April, 1777, he enlisted for three months, as private, under Captain William Cooley, marched

* Her papers were signed at Washington, May 11, 1893. Her National number is 3098. Her gold D. A. R. spoon Miss Parsons willed to her niece, Mrs. Eliza Curtis Prescott of New York.

† Mrs. Prescott.

to Ticonderoga, on Lake Champlain, New York, from thence ordered to the Fort at Mount Independence as one of the garrison, and engaged with parties in scouting, or patrolling the surrounding country, which was the scene of great activity from the presence of the invading army under General Burgoyne.

"In September, 1777, he volunteered for two months, expecting to go to Saratoga, N. Y., and to oppose the advance of General Burgoyne, but when he arrived at, or near Albany, he was detached, and appointed by Oliver Phelps, Commissary for Massachusetts, to bring stores to commissaries at several places, for the army.

"In December, 1777, he enlisted for six months under Captain William Cooley, proceeded to Springfield, Mass., where he was placed in command of Captain John Morgan's (company?) as garrison and *guard of the Arsenal,* where was a park of one hundred cannon, a large storehouse of muskets, and military equipments, with a large amount of property from the army of General Burgoyne, who had surrendered at Saratoga, October 17, 1777.

"In September, 1778, he enlisted under the Commissary General for Massachusetts, Oliver Phelps, was appointed by him *superintendent of transportation of prisoners* to the army and military posts on the Hudson River, and also *express* to and from the army on important occasions, which continued 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782. He was *Assistant to Commissary General* Oliver Phelps, in 1782, 1783. In 1783 he acted as *Commissary* at New Windsor, near West Point, in room of Commissary Post, who was taken sick and finally retired from the station.

"Israel Parsons was personally known to General Washington, and was ordered to his headquarters and directed to furnish the necessary provisions to the troops. By great personal and fatiguing exertions he succeeded in complying with the objects and desire of the Commander-in-Chief, in such a manner as to elicit from him testimonials of his satisfaction, with the highest commendation of his conduct."

Israel Parsons was born on June 11, 1762, at West Springfield. Mary Marvin, his wife, was born February 25, 1767. They were married February, 1787. Their children were:

Almira, b. Dec. 30, 1787.
Joseph, b. July 27, 1789.
Ezra Marvin, b. April 7, 1792.
Marytta, b. June 23, 1794.
Susannah, b. July 3, 1796.
Ezra Marvin, b. May 20, 1798.
Persee, b. Nov. 19, 1800.
Israel Merick, b. July 12, 1802.
Alsop, b. Sept. 18, 1804.
Marshfield, b. Oct. 7, 1808.
Tirzah Morgan, b. Nov. 9, 1812; d. Jan. 10, 1900.

Mary Kingsbury Talcott.

Sabra Trumbull Chapter

ROCKVILLE

Daughters of	Patriots
JULIA (EDDY) CALDER	BARNARD EDDY —Captain
	BARNARD EDDY, 2D —Captain
EMELINE (NOBLE) HOLLISTER	GIDEON NOBLE —Fifer
ANNA PARKHURST (KNOWLTON) BIRD	WILLIAM KNOWLTON
AMY STRICKLAND	SETH STRICKLAND

JULIA (EDDY) CALDER

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILIES
WESTCOTT-EDDY

JULIA (EDDY) CALDER.

SABRA TRUMBULL CHAPTER has the honor of having had among its members four "Real Daughters," only one of whom is now living, Mrs. Julia (Eddy) Calder.

Mrs. Calder was born January 9, 1828, in Providence, R. I., where she still resides.* She is the daughter of Barnard Eddy, 2d, and of Julia Granville Westcott, his second wife. Her father, Barnard Eddy, 2d, was born in Providence, R. I., on the twelfth of July, 1762.

* Mrs. Calder has two relatives who are resident members of the Rockville Chapter.

The name of his father, Barnard Eddy, 1st, appears frequently in connection with Providence town affairs. The earliest reference to his name, found on the town records in Providence, is dated Feb. 18, 1754, when Barnard Eddy, shipwright, and wife Patience took a poor boy of the town of Providence as an apprentice to learn the "art and mystery" of a shipwright.* It is stated that they were of Swanzey, Mass. Three years later they are in Providence and own land there.†

On January 10, 1761, Barnard Eddy was taxed £1-10 for freight on a "Large Water Engine," then in transit from London, where it had been purchased for the town's use in case of fire.‡ Later he built bridges and other works, and the town treasurer's report in 1765 shows that £310-13-11 had been paid to him.

At the outbreak of the Revolution, Barnard Eddy appears to have been one of the most active men in Providence in the work of defending the town against the enemy. On May 15, 1775 (a few weeks after the Concord and Lexington fights), the town passed a vote requiring a watch established to prevent any surprise on the town and for its general protection. In the list of names of those assigned to watch appears the name "Barnard Eddy 3 nights."§

On September 6, 1775, Barnard Eddy reported a "list of men's names, Guns, Bayonets, Cartridges, Cartridge-Boxes, Flints, Powder and Balls, Swords and Pistols, in the hands of the inhabitants" of Providence—Barnard Eddy being the "Committee to ascertain the number of arms in the town fit for use."‖ On February 9, 1776, his name is found in a list of persons, on the west side of the Bridge, in whose hands, guns, bayonets and cartridges could be found.¶

In 1776, Captain Eddy was given charge of constructing the fortifications at Field's and Sassafras Points, to protect the town of

* Providence Town Paper, No. 238.

† Deed Book 14, p. 293, Providence Records of Land Evidence.

‡ Providence Town Paper, No. 344.

§ Providence Town Paper, No. 803.

‖ Providence City Archives, MSS. report in the custody of the Record Commissioners.

¶ Providence Town Paper, No. 1(?)884.

Providence in case of an attack by the British. The works then built are still preserved; the one at Field's Point is called Fort Independence, the one at Sassafras Point is called Robin Hill Fort. In the same year (1776), Barnard Eddy, 1st, was appointed by the Continental Congress, captain of a company, which was to be recruited by him, and which was composed entirely of ship carpenters who were to build ships for the defense of the lakes of the upper Hudson River region. The following paragraphs are copied from letters in the Archives of American Forces:

Governor Nicholas Cole, Providence, Rhode Island, to the President of Congress, July 16, 1776:

I have appointed Captain Barnard Eddy a very suitable person the chief carpenter. He has already enlisted twenty men who are to be provided well with tools and arms at the same rate at which the Marine Committee have enlisted those at Philadelphia. He informed me he shall be able to procure the whole number required of us and march with them on Monday or Tuesday next at the farthest. He proposes to send off baggage on Saturday.

Volume I., Fifth Series, page 377.

Captain Eddy to General Gates: On Saturday last I was honored with the command of the General Congress to procure fifty ship carpenters to build ships for the defense of the lakes.

Vol. I., Fifth Series, p. 378.

A third letter written to General Gates is dated as follows at

Williamstown, August 17th, 1776.

Sir:—

I am requested by Captain Eddy, commander of a company of ship carpenters from Rhode Island, to inform you that said Captain and company having been exposed to take the small pox on their march from Rhode Island (as will be seen by the enclosed) have since been inoculated and are now sick with some disorder in Williamstown, and that Captain Eddy being taken violent with dysentery despairs of his life, but is still most anxious for the welfare of his soldiers. Volume I., Fifth Series, page 1003.

In a fourth letter, the "noble spirit of Captain Eddy" is commended by Washington. Volume I., Fifth Series, page 1282.

Captain Eddy was only forty-eight years old when he contracted small pox at Crown Point and died, leaving a widow and five minor

children. Captain Eddy died in the summer of 1777. His son, Barnard Eddy, 2d, enlisted in the spring of 1777, when not fifteen years of age, in a company commanded by his father. At the time of his enlistment, Barnard Eddy, 2d, was very tall and well developed, and although a private under fifteen years of age, he was afterwards promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and won much distinction under Captain Batenburg, until as a commissioned captain he commanded a company of his own. His term of service in the War of the Revolution was two years and four months. He applied for a pension August 9, 1832, and received it April 22, 1833.*

Mrs. Calder remembers well her father's tales concerning the hardships endured by his mother and of her sacrifices to the patriots' cause. All of their pewter platters were melted to make shot, and many families almost lived on boiled chestnuts. The patriot also frequently related to his children the story of the burning of the *Gaspee*.

The Eddys were of good Pilgrim stock. Samuel and Elizabeth Eddy, their earliest ancestors in this country, settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts, October 29, 1630. Elizabeth Eddy was a woman of marked energy and independence of character. On one occasion she shocked the colony by walking to Boston on the Sabbath day to visit a sick friend, whom she had known in London. Upon her return to Plymouth she was called before the court, but when her reason for making the journey was given, the court chose to regard it as an errand of mercy and dismissed her with the caution to "do so no more."

In 1640, Samuel Eddy the Pilgrim, with several of his neighbors, bought from the Indians a large tract of land about twenty miles west of Plymouth, and founded the town of Middleborough. There his descendants lived and multiplied and the village of Eddyville was built up, which all of his line regard as their "Jerusalem." On the very spot where the first Samuel Eddy settled, his descendants now live, the old homestead having never been abandoned.

In the great gale of September, 1815, Barnard Eddy's house, on Eddy's Point in Providence, was swept away with all its contents and entirely destroyed. In this general destruction, the family

* The above record is found in Barnard Eddy, 2d's, application for a pension.

records and papers were lost, including genealogical matter of value. Three weeks later the old family clock was found under a pile of lumber, was thoroughly repaired and is now ticking away the hours in the home of a son of Mrs. Calder in Providence.

On the maternal side also, Mrs. Calder is the descendant of a Revolutionary hero. Her mother was Julia Granville Westcott, the daughter of John Westcott, who served as one of

General Sullivan's Life Guards.*

John Westcott was the son of Stakely Westcott, of Bristol, R. I., and was born in 1757; he married Mary Sanford (born in 1760; died January 23, 1823); they had eleven children, as follows:

John Westcott, b. Oct. 27, 1778; left home and was never heard from.
Martha Westcott, b. Aug. 8, 1780; d. May 9, 1781.
Sanford Westcott, b. March 11, 1782; d. May 15, 1782.
Esborn, b. June 22, 1783; d. Aug., 1849.
Mary, b. Oct. 14, 1786; d. Sept. 3, 1866.
Martha, 2d, b. Dec. 15, 1787; d. May 1, 1876.
William, b. Feb. 17, 1790; d. Feb. 17, 1790.
Julia Granville, b. Feb. 28, 1791; m. Barnard Eddy; d. April 14, 1865.
Harriet B., b. Dec. 24, 1793; d. Dec. 31, 1868.
Clarissa H., b. Feb. 24, 1796; d. Feb. 23, 1880.
Edwin, b. Oct. 22, 1798; d. in Cuba of fever.

John Westcott, the patriot, died June 23, 1825.

Captain Barnard Eddy, 1st, was born October 11, 1729; he married in 1753, Patience Eddy (daughter of Zachariah Eddy). It appears from the Probate records of Providence that Barnard Eddy died in 1777, administration on his estate being granted June 10, 1777.† The date and place of his death do not appear. The inventory of his estate amounted to £161-5-10 including "an old negro man not worth much." At the time of his death he left the following children: Jeremiah, in 1779, 21 years old; Barnard, in 1779,

* The family have no official record of John Westcott's service under General Sullivan, but a notice of John Westcott's death has been preserved by them, stating the fact of his services in that capacity. Mrs. Calder remembers that her mother often mentioned her own father's service as having extended over many years. John Westcott never applied for a pension and his exact term of service may not have been recorded.

† Will Book 6, p. 190.

15 years old; Patience, in 1779, 18 years old; Eunice and Abigail,* both under 14 years of age in 1779.

Barnard Eddy, 2d, was born July 12, 1762, in Providence, R. I.; he married first, October 7, 1785, Betsey Walker (who died in 1816). Their children were:

Ruth Ann, m. Benjamin W. Gardiner.
Patience, unmarried.
Betsey, m. Jeremiah Williams.
Maria, m. Daniel Clarke.
Stephen.

Barnard Eddy, 2d, married second, October 14, 1817, Julia Granville Westcott, born February 28, 1791; died April 14, 1865, in Providence, R. I.

Their children were:

Edwin Barnard Eddy, b. Aug. 21, 1818, Providence, R. I.; m. 1st, Sarah Jenks Shaw; 2d, Nancy P. Dodge; d. May 27, 1885.

James Anthony Eddy, b. Dec. 15, 1819; m. Sarah Wheaton Hathaway; d. June, 1886.

Jeremiah Eddy, b. April 1, 1823; d. April 1, 1823.

Stephen Gano Eddy, b. Feb. 25, 1824; d. Aug. 8, 1825.

Julia Frances Eddy, b. Jan. 9, 1828; m. Oct. 14, 1847, John Lewis Calder (who died Jan. 25, 1887).

Barnard Eddy, 2d, died July 3, 1847, in Providence, R. I.

* Through his youngest daughter Abigail, Patriot Barnard Eddy, 1st, has the following descendants:

Abigail Eddy, b. Feb. 20, 1765. d. Sept. 13, 1846.	m. Richard Anthony;	children — Eunice, Lydia, James, Mary Chace, Cyrus, Richard, Elizabeth Eddy, Richard Bowen.
Elizabeth Eddy Anthony, b. Jan. 28, 1805. d. June 24, 1868.	m. Thomas Lewis; March 18, 1828.	children—Edward, Richard Anthony, Cyrus, Mary, Lydia, Sarah Abigail, James Henry, John.
Richard Anthony Lewis, b. Sept. 14, 1830.	m. Sarah Patterson Hall; March 7, 1855.	children—Elizabeth Eddy, George Hall, Arthur Patterson, Henry Anthony, Frank Nichols, Walter Gibbs.
Elizabeth Eddy Lewis, b. Sept. 4, 1856.	m. Carlton Montague Moody. March 6, 1879.	

Julia Frances Eddy, the patriot's daughter, married in 1847, John Lewis Calder, whose grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Their children were:

John Barnard, b. Dec. 31, 1849; m. Oct. 22, 1874, Mary Anna Phillips, (b. Dec. 23, 1851).

Edwin Eddy, b. March 17, 1853; m. Dec. 23, 1875, Ella A. T. Elsbree (b. March 18, 1854.

Louis Herbert, b. July 8, 1855; m. May, 1890, Lizzie Oriette Goodrich (b. May 23, 1871).

Charles Granville, b. Aug. 4, 1857; m. Oct. 28, 1880, Florence Nightingale Williams (b. Dec. 19, 1857).

Mary Adelaide, b. Oct. 11, 1859; d. Jan. 8, 1860.

William James, b. June 8, 1862; m. Oct. 6, 1887, Sarah Melissa Randall (b. Sept. 19, 1863).

Heman Lincoln, b. Nov. 22, 1864; m. Sept. 10, 1895, Jennie Medora Purrington (b. Aug. 2, 1866).

Mrs. Calder may indeed be called a "real Daughter of the American Revolution," her father, two grandfathers and her husband's grandfather having served the patriot cause.

Jessie Keyes (Anthony) Jackson.
(MRS. CYRUS FRANKLIN JACKSON.)

Authority: Connecticut Men in the Revolution.

The paragraphs and letters taken from Archives of American Forces, quoted in this sketch, were copied by Mrs. Joseph J. Casey, Registrar-General, D. R. The data concerning Captain Barnard Eddy's services to his town and country, taken from Providence Records, were copied from a letter written by Mr. Edward Field, of Providence, R. I., and were contributed to this sketch by Mrs. Carlton M. Moody, Recording Secretary-General of the Society, Daughters of the Revolution. Mrs. Moody (Elizabeth Eddy (Lewis) is a descendant of Patriot Captain Barnard Eddy the first.

EMELINE (NOBLE) HOLLISTER

GIDEON NOBLE—PATRIOT

EMELINE (NOBLE) HOLLISTER was born January 7, 1802, the sixth daughter and youngest child of Dr. Gideon Noble and of Lucy Wells, his wife. Gideon Noble was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Gideon Noble, and was born in the town of Willington, Conn., on August 3, 1763. Early in the war of the Revolution, a company of soldiers was raised in his native town, and, being destitute of a fifer they persuaded the Rev. Gideon Noble to allow his son to serve in that capacity. The boy was only twelve years of age, but was a good musician, and often the soldiers, with whom he was a favorite, carried him on their shoulders over difficult places, while he played "March Away." Between 1775 and 1783 he served four times; first from July 8, 1775, to October 12, 1775, under

Colonel Charles Webb, Seventh Regiment
Captain Edward Shipman, Sixth Company.

This regiment was raised in July, recruited in Fairfield, Litchfield and New Haven counties. Its companies were stationed at various points along the Sound until September 14, when, on requisition from Washington, the regiment was ordered to the Boston Camps. There it was assigned to General Sullivan's Brigade on Winter Hill, at the left of the besieging line, and there remained until the expiration of its term of service.* The following year,

* At the close of his first term of service, Oct. 12, 1775, and just before his discharge, Gideon Noble was inoculated for small pox. On the homeward journey he took cold and was confined to his bed for months. The expense of his illness and consulting physicians amounted to £14 10s. 6d. Six years later, on January 10, 1782, his father made application for reimbursement to the General Assembly of Connecticut, and it was voted to pay this sum to his father.

in June, young Gideon Noble joined a regiment raised to reinforce Washington at New York, which was stationed in New York City and on Long Island until its time expired, October 25, 1776. Again, he enlisted as fifer on March 1, 1777, "for the War," in the

Third Battalion, Wadsworth's Brigade
Colonel Comfort Sage
Captain Jonathan Parker (Willington).

He served during the summer and fall along the Hudson River under Putnam. On November 14, 1777, Colonel Sage's regiment was ordered to join Washington's army in Pennsylvania, and on December 8, engaged in the sharp action of Whitemarsh, wintered at Valley Forge in 1777-78, and was present July 28, following, at the battle of Monmouth. This regiment wintered in 1778-79 at Redding, Conn., served on the east side of the Hudson River in General Heath's wing during the operations of 1779, and was engaged in the storming of Stony Point on July 15, 1779. This regiment wintered in 1779-80 at Morristown, and served on the outposts. Gideon Noble served also in the Second Regiment, "Connecticut Line," Colonel Charles Webb.

In 1780 a "Corps of Invalids" was formed, consisting of eight companies to be employed in garrison duty, and for guards in cities and other places, where magazines, arsenals or hospitals were placed; and also to serve as military instructors of young men, preparing for marching orders. It was composed in the first instance of officers and men who had been rendered by casualty or otherwise incapable of field service, but who could still perform light duty. Gideon Noble joined this "Corps of Invalids" December 13, 1780, as fifer, and was discharged April 23, 1783.

Gideon Noble married Lucy Wells, February 18, 1787, and they had six children. He died July 29, 1807 and his widow married, seven years later, Amos Hollister, who was a farmer and shipbuilder in South Glastonbury, Conn.

Emeline Noble was the youngest child of Dr. Gideon Noble and of Lucy Wells, his wife. She grew to womanhood and married Chester Hollister, the son of her mother's second husband. They lived in South Glastonbury. Five children were born to them, two

sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, married, had children of their own, and passed on before her. A few years ago, after the death of her husband, Mrs. Hollister removed to Auburn, N. Y., and resided there for the remainder of her life. Ten years before her death, Mrs. Hollister suffered a shock of paralysis, after which she was unable to walk, but, attended by a faithful man servant, she was rolled to a bright window in a front room, where she spent her days, cared for by two granddaughters. Her mind remained clear and her eyesight good. At ninety-eight years of age there were distinct traces of youthful beauty in her blue eyes and fresh, clear skin. Possessed of a lovely disposition, she retained her amiability and attractiveness as long as she lived. Her small white hands were far from useless, as she filled her days hemming sheets and pillow cases for a hospital, and making undergarments for the poor. Her letters were witty and well composed, and her penmanship would put to shame many letters of the rising generation.

She came from a long-lived race, her great-grandmother having lived to be ninety-nine years of age; her grandmother was ninety, her mother ninety-nine, and one sister ninety-four years old. Mrs. Hollister passed away April 1, 1900, aged ninety-eight years.

Dr. Gideon Noble, of Willington, Conn., was born August 3, 1763; he died July 29, 1807. Lucy Wells, his wife, was born September 16, 1765; she died January 23, 1864. They were married February 18, 1787. Their children were:

Julia, b. March 14, 1788; m. John Mather; d. ——— ———.
Harriet, b. Jan. 10, 1791; m. Wadsworth Hollister; d. Feb. 1, 1811.
Amanda, b. Nov. 10, 1792; d. April 21, 1793.
Louisa, b. Dec. 11, 1794; d. ——— 1798.
Eliza, b. Mar. 7, 1799; m. Jan. 1, 1817, George Kellogg; d. Sept. 21, 1892.
Emeline, b. Jan. 7, 1802; m. Aug. 31, 1818, Chester Hollister; d. April 1, 1900.

The children of Emeline Noble by her marriage to Chester Hollister were:

Augusta Wells, b. Jan. 1, 1820; m. Sept. 11, 1844, Rev. Henry Dutton Noble; d. Dec. 26, 1894.

Alfred Wright, b. June 18, 1822; m. Jan. 11, 1848, Julia Esther Newton; d. June 24, 1863.

Frances Noble, b. July 17, 1824; m. Nov. 8, 1846, Charles S. Weatherby; d. May 18, 1852.

Wadsworth, b. Oct. 17, 1827; m. May 26, 1852, Caroline Van Vechten; d. April 11, 1895.

Henrietta Lucy, b. Feb. 2, 1843; m. Dec. 30, 1864, John Young Selover; d. Sept. 20, 1869.

Jessie Carolena (Jackson) McChristie.
(MRS. ROBERT LOGAN MC CHRISTIE.)
Julia Alice Maxwell.

Authority: Conn. Men in the Revolution, pp. 82, 160, 296, 401.
Conn. Archives of the Revolutionary War, vol. xxii; Documents 148.
History and Genealogy of the family of Thomas Noble of Westfield, Mass. Compiled by Lucius M. Boltwood, pp. 398-399.

ANNA PARKHURST (KNOWLTON) BIRD

WILLIAM KNOWLTON—PATRIOT

ANNA PARKHURST KNOWLTON was born at White River Junction, Vt., August 9, 1812, the daughter of William Knowlton, who enlisted, when only fifteen years of age, in

Captain Durkee's Company of Matrosses.

This company was part of a "Provisional Regiment" ordered by the General Assembly "to be raised and put in readiness to march, on the shortest notice, in case His Excellency, General Washington, shall call for them." William Knowlton served from August 12, 1782, for one year from the date of enlistment.

William Knowlton was born in Ashford, Conn., January, 1767, and married Betsey Noonan, who was born in Ashford, in 1778. Their children were:

WILLIAM, b. ——— 1804, White River Junction, Vt.; not married; d. July 1, 1831.

LAURA, b. ——— 1806, White River Junction, Vt.; not married; d. Sept. 7, 1853.

Anna Parkhurst, b. Aug. 9, 1812, White River Junction, Vt.; m. Dec. 18, 1838, Rev. Thompson Bird; d. Jan. 4, 1901, Des Moines, Iowa.

Anna Knowlton attended the Academy in Norwich, Vt., also Mrs. Willard's Seminary in Troy, N. Y., and afterwards she was engaged in teaching in the South. While there she met the Rev. Thompson Bird, a Presbyterian minister of North Carolina, and they were married in Petersburg, Va., December 18, 1838. From North Carolina, Mrs. Bird and her husband removed to Thornton, Ind. Here their three children were born, two sons and a daughter. Both sons served in the late Civil War.

In 1847, Mr. and Mrs. Bird removed to Des Moines, Iowa, which was then a military post on the frontier. Rev. Mr. Bird was the

ANNA PARKHURST (KNOWLTON) BIRD.

first Presbyterian minister in Des Moines. He remained there until his death, twenty-two years later, January 4, 1869. Mrs. Bird continued to reside in Des Moines, in her own home, for the remainder of her life, until she passed away on January 4, 1901, at the age of eighty-eight. Two of her three children are living, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild, as the following record shows:

William Knowlton, b. Sept. 9, 1840, Thornton, Ind.; m. Nov. 14, 1866, Mary H. Earle of Milton, Wis.; (one daughter, Anna May, who died in infancy;) d. March 11, 1897, Des Moines, Iowa.

Empson, b. July 16, 1843, Thornton, Ind.; unmarried.

Louisa, b. Feb. 22, 1847, Thornton, Ind.; m. Oct. 25, 1870, Arthur A. Hyde, of Ellington, Conn. Their children, all born in Ellington, are:

Empson Bird, b. Sept. 6, 1871; not married.

Oliver Thompson, b. Aug. 4, 1875; not married.

Fanny Ellsworth, b. Sept. 10, 1877; m. Feb. 6, 1901, James D. Keyes of Des Moines, Iowa; they have one child, namely, Arthur Hyde, who was born Dec. 28, 1901.

Anna Mather, b. June 9, 1880; d. Aug. 8, 1880.

Mrs. Bird was only eight years of age when her father died (in June, 1820), and her recollections of him are indistinct. She remembers, however, hearing her mother relate his experiences while serving in the war. At one time he was without food for three days, when he tried to relieve his hunger by chewing pine sticks and swallowing the juice!

During her lifetime three generations of her family were members of Sabra Trumbull Chapter: Mrs. Bird, her daughter and her granddaughter.

Jessie Carolena (Jackson) McChristie.

(MRS. ROBERT LOGAN MCCHRISTIE.)

Authority: Connecticut Men in the Revolution, p. 588. (Knowlton is spelled "Knolton.")
Genealogical data was furnished by Mrs. Louisa Bird Hyde.

AMY STRICKLAND

SETH STRICKLAND—PATRIOT

THE echoes from the battle of Bunker Hill had been silent a quarter of a century, when Amy Strickland was born in Chatham, Conn. On June 17, 1800, she first saw the light, and witnessed the opening, and the progress of almost the entire nineteenth century. She passed away September 4, 1897. She lived for ninety-seven years on the old homestead lot. The early home of the family still stands. To make room for the new home which was built after the war and in which Seth Strickland, the patriot, lived many years, the early home was moved back, and the old looms which were used at that time are in the chambers now.

Her father, Seth Strickland, enlisted and served for a time in the early part of the Revolutionary War. Again, in 1780, he served with the Eighth Connecticut Regiment, from August until December. During this time his regiment was with the main army encamped on the banks of the Hudson. For his services during the war his widow received a pension.

His family was noted for longevity. His wife, Annie, lived to be ninety-four, and three of his daughters were ninety-three, ninety-five and ninety-seven years old when they died. Nearly a hundred years were covered by Miss Strickland's life. She saw the nation grow from five to seventy millions. The inventions which have made the nineteenth century stand out alone in the procession of the ages—the steamboat, the locomotive, the telegraph; the cable linking two continents, the telephone, and other wonderful electrical inventions,—all developed within that span.

Miss Strickland spent her life in service for others, except for one year before her death, when she was confined to her bed. Always patient and thoughtful for those about her, unselfishness was the keynote of her character. And thus ninety years were

passed in ministering to others—years of sweetness, of self-denial and sunshine!

Seth Strickland, the patriot, was the son of Richard and Martha Strickland. He was born March 8, 1758, and married, May 17, 1781, Annie Shepard, the daughter of John and Silence (Penfield) Shepard. Annie Shepard was born October 7, 1761. The children of Seth Strickland and Annie Shepard Strickland, his wife, were:

Asenath, b. July 21, 1785; d. Feb. 11, 1880.

Annie, b. Oct. 2, 1789; m. Alexander Hale; d. May 1, 1885; they had eight children, namely:

Daniel.
Harriet (Hale) Case.
Ann Eliza (Hale) Thomas.
John.
Seth.
Vienna (Hale) Baker
Lucy (Hale) Baker.
Alexander.

Ammiel, b. Jan. 5, 1793; m. Susan Penfield; d. Aug. 3, 1848; they had four children:

Emily (Strickland) White.
Jane (Strickland) Dunham.
Susan.
John.

Sabra, b. March 15, 1796; m. 1st, Asa Bowe; 2d, Benjamin Ashley; d. Jan. 11, 1863; she had children as follows:

Julia Augusta, b. Aug. 24, 1826; m. 1st, Frank Holmes, 2d, Cyrus Edson.
Mary Jane, b. Dec. 5, 1829; m. Elijah Covelle; d. 1856.
Frances Maria, b. Dec. 13, 1830; m. Lucius E. Thompson.

Martha, b. May 11, 1798; d. April 15, 1876.

Amy, b. June 17, 1800; d. Sept. 4, 1897.

Vienna, b. Jan. 2, 1804; d. Dec. 26, 1863.

Seth Strickland, the patriot, died July 15, 1828; his wife died May 16, 1856.

Jessie Carolena (Jackson) McChristie.

(MRS. ROBERT LOGAN MC CHRISTIE.)

Authority: Conn. Men in the Revolution, p. 240.

"There are men and women for whom Faith, Hope and Charity forever abide . . . women who bear their own sorrows by soothing the sorrows of others; youths who, when duty whispers low 'Thou must,' reply 'I can'; and old men to whom the experience of life has taught the same brave lesson—examples of patriotism that will give its life for its country when in the right, and the patriotism that will make itself of no reputation if need be to save its country from being in the wrong."

Reminiscences: George Frisbie Hoar.

"How precious are added years to the fulness of the intellectual life" . .

"Oh the happiness of the fortunate old men [and women] whose thoughts went deeper and deeper like a wall that runs out into the sea!"

Philip Gilbert Hammerton.

Sarah Ludlow Chapter

SEYMOUR

Daughters	of	Patriots
SARAH (CANDEE) FAIRCHILD		JOB CANDEE —Musician
AUGUSTA (WOOSTER) LUM		EPHRAIM WOOSTER —Corporal

Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter

DERBY

Daughter	of	Patriot
ELIZA (WHEELER) BAILEY		HEZEKIAH WHEELER

SARAH (CANDEE) FAIRCHILD.

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REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—CANDEE

THE Candee family has been represented in the Army and Navy of the United States from the earliest period in its history, and furnishes instances of longevity which are worthy of mention. Early in the sixteenth century a Huguenot family of the same name as the great Condé fled from France to Scotland. One of this family afterward emigrated to America, and settled in Connecticut. His son, Zaccheus Condé, born in New Haven in 1640, became the ancestor of the Candee family in this country.

Caleb Candee, the grandfather of our "Daughter," married Lois Mallory in 1743, and moved to Oxford, Conn. Of this marriage were born ten sons; one died in infancy, and of the other nine, two died between seventy and eighty, six between eighty and ninety, and one between ninety and one hundred years of age. It is also worthy of note, that all of these nine brothers served in the Revolutionary War, a circumstance probably unparalleled. Job Candee, one of these brothers, was the father of Sarah (Candee) Fairchild.

Job Candee was born in West Haven in 1759, and in July, 1776, when only seventeen years of age, he enlisted as a "musician" under

Colonel Jabez Thompson.

The next year he joined the ranks as a private, and served until the close of the war. We find his name on a list of Oxford pensioners early in the last century, also the record that "Daniel and Job Candee erected the hotel building in 1795" still used and known as the "Oxford House." Here the first post office was kept, Daniel being landlord and postmaster for many years.

Captain Job Candee married Sarah, daughter of Enos Benham of Middlebury, Conn. Their children were:

Enos, m. Betsey Perkins.
Horace, m. Caroline Judson.
Leveritt, b. June 20, 1795; m. Jane Caroline Tomlinson; one son, Charles.

Laura, m. Daniel Tucker.
Esther, m. Charles Tomlinson.
Roxy, m. Charles Booth.
Sarah E., b. June 15, 1807; m. Ebenezer Fairchild, October 14, 1827.

Sarah (Benham) Candee died very suddenly March 20, 1840, aged seventy-five years.

Captain Job Candee lived until December 2, 1845, being eighty-six years of age. A newspaper clipping of his obituary, in Mrs. Fairchild's possession, reads as follows: "The subject of this notice possessed a substantial mind, social feelings and a generous heart. The poor ever found in him a friend, in time of need. His character through life was one of unimpeachable integrity. He has left a numerous family and a large circle of friends. . . . The average age of the two generations,—namely, the families of Caleb (Job's father) and of the latter's brother, Nehemiah, in all nineteen children—is eighty-seven and one-half years, and what is most remarkable, they all retained their bodily and mental faculties, and their power of enjoyment in the world's good things, until they passed away."

Sarah Candee, the youngest child of Job and Sarah (Benham) Candee, was born June 15, 1807. She married October 14, 1827, Ebenezer Fairchild of Oxford, Conn. They had children as follows: Charles E., born March 12, 1831; Mary J., born February 2, 1835; Henry L., born 1845.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild moved to Seymour many years ago. Mr. Fairchild died in February, 1880.

Mrs. Fairchild inherited the characteristics of her race. In her ninety-first year she was comparatively strong in mind and body, able to read, write and sew, and to visit her friends in Seymour and adjacent towns. The Sarah Ludlow Chapter held a public celebration of her ninetieth birthday, at which she assisted in receiving and entered more thoroughly than anyone into the enjoyment of the occasion. She died August 20, 1899. The date of her admission to the National Society is May 7, 1896, and her National number 13,219.

Julia A. Dubois James.
(MRS. THOMAS L. JAMES)
Ruth Sanford.

AUGUSTA (WOOSTER) LUM

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—WOOSTER

AUGUSTA (WOOSTER) LUM.

AUGUSTA WOOSTER was born October 13th, 1802, and was the daughter of Ephraim Wooster and Mittie Vose, his wife.

Ephraim Wooster enlisted May 15th, 1775, in

Colonel David Waterbury's Regiment
Captain Joseph Smith's Company
Corporal Ephraim Wooster.

This was the fifth regiment which was raised on the first call for troops by the Connecticut Legislature in April and May, 1775, and

was recruited mainly in Fairfield County. The regiment marched first to New York under General Wooster—young Wooster's uncle—and then to the Northern Department. Ephraim Wooster received his discharge from this service on December 9th, 1775. He enlisted again October 25th, 1776, in

Major Elisha Sheldon's Regiment of Light Horse
Captain Moses Seymour's Company,

and served until December 20th, 1776. He again enlisted in 1779 in response to the New Haven and Norwalk "Alarms"; he marched July 8th in the regiment commanded by

Major Thomas Bull
Captain Moses Seymour's Company,

and was discharged July 18th, 1779. His name is also found on a pay-roll of

Colonel Whiting's Regiment
Captain Joseph Birdsey's Company.

This company served five days during the New Haven Alarm. He was granted a pension in 1832.*

Ephraim Wooster was killed (about 1835) by the bursting of the boiler of the steamer *United States,* on his way home from New York to New Haven. His body was found and taken to New York for burial two weeks before his family knew of the accident, so slowly did news travel in those days! A stone has been erected to his memory in Great Hill Cemetery, Seymour.

Augusta Wooster married John Lum, Jr., February 26, 1828. Their children were:

Clark Lum, b. 1831; d. Feb. 5, 1889, aged 58.
Sarah, b. 1832; m. Julius Bassett; d. Oct. 27, 1868.
Augusta Justine, b. Sept. 22, 1837; m. George Edwards, Sept., 1858; d. Dec. 25, 1880.
Ellen, b. 1841; m. John Squires, Sept., 1858; d. June 18, 1870.

* For Ephraim Wooster's service in the War, see Records of Connecticut Men in the Revolution, pages 69, 481, 549, 550, 655.

Mrs. Lum outlived all her children and grandchildren, and was left with a niece as her nearest relative. A married daughter of this niece lived with Mrs. Lum in the house which she occupied without a break for eighty-one years. Until a short time before her death, when she fell and broke her hip, she was active, having full use of her bodily powers. Even after her accident she moved around the house with the aid of a crutch, and visited neighbors quite a distance away. She died September 3d, 1899, aged ninety-six years and eleven months. She was baptized by the Rev. Dr. Mansfield, whose pastorate in Derby and the adjoining towns extended over a period of seventy-two years; she was confirmed by Bishop Brownell (the predecessor of Bishop Williams), in "Quaker Farms" church. Throughout her long life she has never left Connecticut nor even visited Ansonia, only three miles away; but she went once to New Haven. Her faculties were remarkably well preserved to the last, and she took great interest in having the Cuban war news read to her daily. She was much delighted to be made a member of the Sarah Ludlow Chapter and to receive the souvenir spoon of the Society. She was admitted to the National Society, April 22d, 1898. Her National number is 23,676.

Julia A. DuBois James.
(MRS. THOMAS L. JAMES.)
Allida Booth.

ELIZA (WHEELER) BAILEY

HEZEKIAH WHEELER—PATRIOT

HEZEKIAH WHEELER was born April 30, 1762, at Stafford Springs, Conn., and died October 31, 1833, at Stow, Mass. He enlisted when fifteen years of age (1777) and served most of the time until the close of the war; first in the Continental army, Regiments of "Additional" Infantry (formation of 1777-1781) in

Colonel Henry Sherburne's Regiment (R. I.)
Captain Elijah Blackman's Company (Middletown);

afterwards in the "Connecticut Line" (formation 1781-83), Third Regiment

Colonel Samuel B. Webb (Wethersfield)
Captain Edward Bulkley (Wethersfield),

where his name is found upon the pay roll of 1782.* He was in the army division much of the time over which Washington had personal command, and one of the incidents which he related to his children was of having held the General's horse while Washington was conferring with his officers. Hezekiah Wheeler was in the campaign that suffered during the terrible winter at Valley Forge, where, while on picket duty, without shoes or stockings, he stood upon his hat to keep his bare feet from the snow and frozen ground. During the bitter experience of that winter two of his brothers were killed in battle, but the exact time or place is not known to the family.

The following is from a letter received from the Bureau of Pensions:

"Replying to your request for information concerning Hezekiah Wheeler, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you are advised that he made application for a pension on April 9, 1818, at which time he was fifty-five years of age, and residing at Rowe, Mass., and his pension was allowed for five years' actual service as a private in the Connecticut troops.

(Signed) H. Clay Evans,
Commissioner."

* See Conn. Hist. Coll., vol. viii, p. 101.

The pension was paid to him fifteen years, and after his death was continued to his widow for many years.

The old flint-lock musket that he carried through the war was kept by his son Flavel for many years, but was lost when the family moved to Ohio, or still farther west. This son Flavel died unmarried, an aged man, in 1892.

Hezekiah Wheeler married July 24, 1788, at Savoy, Mass., Meribah Bishop (b. Jan. 24, 1771; d. April 16, 1860). Their children were:

Bradford, b. May 15, 1789.
Meribah, b. March 15, 1791.
Josiah, b. Sept. 9, 1793.
Twins, b. Dec. 2, 1797; { d. Dec. 3, 1797; d. Dec. 4, 1797.
Alfred, b. Sept. 18, 1799.
Nancy, b. Aug. 24, 1801.
Joseph B., b. Dec. 15, 1803.
Elijah Ward, b. Jan. 17, 1806.
John Wesley, b. July 16, 1808; d. Aug. 11, 1808.
John Wesley, b. Sept. 23, 1809.
Gardner Flavel, b. June 24, 1812.
Eliza Wheeler, b. Feb. 4, 1815.

Eliza Wheeler was born in Coleraine, Franklin County, Mass., February 4, 1815. She was the youngest and last survivor of thirteen children. She married in Coleraine, Willard Bailey, who died many years ago. Their children were Elizabeth Bethany, born December 1, 1833; Hezekiah Willard, born May 2, 1836; Wesley Flavel, born November 9, 1838; Eliza Florilla, born May 6, 1841; Cynthia Nancy, born October 20, 1844.

The following is an extract from a newspaper printed at Milbank, South Dakota, January 19, 1899: "A Daughter of the Revolution Passes Away. Mrs. Eliza Bailey of this city, mother of our Townsman H. W. Bailey, died a little after two o'clock A. M. on Tuesday. She would have been eighty-four years of age had she lived until February 4th. Notwithstanding her advanced age, she had been in good health until about ten days prior to her death. The deceased was a daughter of the American Revolution. Her father, Hezekiah Wheeler, enlisted in the Revolutionary War when he was fifteen years of age, at Stafford Springs, Tolland County, Connecticut, and served six years until its close. He died October 31, 1833.

In October, 1898, Mrs. Bailey was formally admitted to membership in the Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Derby, Connecticut."

Mary Louise Birdseye.
Evelyn Bailey Williams.
(Mrs. J. W. Williams.)

Authority: Conn. Hist. Coll. Connecticut Men in the Revolution, pp. 225, 231. Bureau of Pensions.

"That which should accompany old age
As honor, love, obedience, troops of friends."

"To the typical American woman . . great political questions are only an extension of the family interests and are almost as vividly felt."

"We women are of all creatures the most personal and our interests work outward from home centers."

Sibbil Dwight Kent Chapter

SUFFIELD

Daughters	of	Patriots
ANNA HALE (BURNAP) PIERCE		JOHN BURNAP
MARY ELIZABETH (BURNS) WOODWORTH		WILLIAM BURNS

ANNA HALE (BURNAP) PIERCE.

(From a photograph taken on her ninetieth birthday. The roses were a birthday gift from the Sibbil Dwight Kent Chapter.)

ANNA HALE (BURNAP) PIERCE

JOHN BURNAP—PATRIOT

ANNA HALE (BURNAP) PIERCE is said to be of Huguenot extraction, which implies that she had a godly and patriotic ancestry. She was born in the town of Windham, State of Vermont, October 29th, 1807.

Her father, John Burnap, was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, April 23d, 1762, and was therefore a lad twelve years old when the famous "Tea Party" was held in Boston harbor. But he was old enough to become interested in the great struggle for American Independence, and as the weary war lengthened out, so, too, did the boy lengthen out, till finally before the fight was ended, he enlisted as a private, and served seven and a half months, a part of the time under

Colonel Nathaniel Wade
Captain Samuel Lamb.

Afterward, removing to the then new country of Vermont, in the last years of the century, he held for two years a commission as "Sergeant Major" in the State Militia. His home was on a hilly farm in the more hilly town of Windham.

John Burnap married on April 1, 1790, Candace Bliss. Their children were:

Lucy, b. April 7, 1791; m. Joseph Wood.
John L., b. Dec. 28, 1792; d. Jan. 16, 1876.
Uzziah, b. July 11, 1794.
Asa, b. Feb. 22, 1796.
Candace, b. Oct. 30, 1797; d. Sept. 15, 1800.
Ira, b. April 8, 1800; d. April 22, 1800.
Orphar, b. Oct. 1, 1801; d. Oct. 2, 1801.
Sophia, b. June 4, 1803; m. 1st, David Elliot Emery, 2d, James Stearns; d. Sept. 8, 1891.
Achsa, b. Mar. 5, 1805;. m. James Stearns.
Anna Hale, b. Oct. 29, 1807; m. March 17, 1830, Nathan Pierce; d. Jan. 5, 1898.
Ganis, b. July 7, 1809.

John Burnap, the patriot, died September 1, 1812, in Windham, Vermont. His widow, Candace Burnap, when eighty-one years of age, made application for a pension, July 6, 1846, while she was residing in Townshend, Vermont, and a pension was granted her.

Anna was five years old when her father died. She spent her childhood on the farm, was a gentle and affectionate child, fond of

ANNA HALE (BURNAP) PIERCE.
(When about sixty-five years old.)

flowers, and made the animals of the farm her pets. Attending the district school, the handsome young "Schoolmaster," Nathan Pierce, soon formed an attachment for the young and bashful Anna, and on March 17th, 1830, she became his wife. The day after their marriage they went to the farm, which the young groom had purchased in West Townshend, Vermont, where they lived until some years after their "Golden Wedding." Their family consisted of three sons and four daughters. Their children were:

Lucia Anna, b. Jan. 4, 1831; m. Jeremiah Baldwin; d. August 19, 1903.
Marcia Laurette, b. Nov. 19, 1832; m. Jonas C. Kendall.
Charles Nathan, b. June 19, 1835; d. June 27, 1860.
Albert Romanzo, b. Feb. 16, 1837; m. Eliza S. Phelps.
James Edward, b. Aug. 12, 1839; m. Frances Hall; d. July 15, 1870.
Julia, b. June 10, 1841; m. Gardner S. Washburn.
Mary Ella, b. Mar. 9, 1843; m. Willis H. Taft; d. April 19, 1888.

In the Civil War they gave their second son to the service of his country, and he faithfully served four years. In the spring of 1884, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce removed to Suffield, Connecticut, with their son and his family, where they resided until the close of their lives, ever active and busy, interested in every good word and work, and deeply so in the welfare and prosperity of their country and in Christ's kingdom within it.

Through the influence of her daughter-in-law,* Mrs. Pierce became a member of the Sibbil Dwight Kent Chapter in 1896. Called to part with her husband on April 16th, 1897, she survived him, but a few months, being "called home" in the beginning of the New Year, January 5th, 1898.

Ever patriotic and ever loyal to her country, first of all she endeavored to be faithful to her Christian vows, and we believe she has gone to receive the reward awaiting those who trust not in ancestors, but whose character and lives stand the test of Christian discipleship.

Helen M. King.

Authority: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

The photograph and biographical material for this sketch were furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Pierce, Suffield, Conn.

* Mrs. Eliza S. Phelps Pierce.

MARY ELIZABETH (BURNS) WOODWORTH

WILLIAM BURNS—PATRIOT

MARY ELIZABETH (BURNS) WOODWORTH was born in North Coventry, Conn., April 6, 1817. She was one of a family of seven children.

Her father, William Burns, enlisted "for the war" when sixteen years of age, from Coventry, Conn., on March 15, 1778, in

The Connecticut Line, Eighth Regiment
Lieut.-Col. Commandant—Isaac Sherman
Captain Paul Brigham's Company.

This regiment wintered at Valley Forge in 1778, and on June 28 was present at the battle of Monmouth. During the summer of 1778 this regiment was in camp at White Plains and New York; wintered in 1779 at Reading; was engaged in the storming of Stony Point on July 15, 1779; and wintered in 1780 at Morristown, N. J. The summer of 1780 was passed with the main army on the banks of the Hudson River; the following winter was spent at Camp "Connecticut Village." At this camp the regiments of the Connecticut Line were consolidated for a new formation which had been ordered by Congress.

William Burns was badly wounded in the service. One hand was shot away, and two bullets, which he carried in one leg, made him a cripple for the remainder of his life.* His home was in North Coventry, Conn. He died in 1819 or 1820.

His daughter, Mary Elizabeth Burns, came to Suffield about 1840, and married on September 18, 1842, Horace Woodworth. Rev. Dr. Ives of the Second Baptist Church performed the ceremony. Previous to her marriage she was a nurse. At the close of her life Mrs. Woodworth became nearly blind, but retained her bright mind and memory. She lived on the banks of the Connecticut with her husband, in the family of her son, until she passed away on May 2, 1898. *Helen M. King.*

Authority: Connecticut Men in the Revolution, p. 229.

* Under the law passed in 1818, William Burns drew a pension.

The things I want to see are not Redbook Lists, and Court Calendars, and Parliamentary Registers, but the LIFE OF MAN in England: what men did, thought, suffered, enjoyed.

Thomas Carlyle.

Stamford Chapter

STAMFORD

Daughters of	Patriots
NANCY ANN (GIFFORD) WARREN	ELISHA GIFFORD
LUCRETIA (HOLLY) TOWN	JOHN HOLLY

NANCY ANN (GIFFORD) WARREN.

LUCRETIA (HOLLY) TOWN.

NANCY ANN (GIFFORD) WARREN

ELISHA GIFFORD—PATRIOT

THE Stamford Chapter has the honor of having two "real" Daughters on its membership roll. Mrs. Nancy Ann (Gifford) Warren was the first to become a member, and then we claimed her as the youngest of the *coterie* in our land, but we have been obliged to yield the palm to one in another Chapter in our State.

Nancy Ann Gifford was born in the town of Southeast, Putnam County, New York, July 26, 1831. She is the oldest child of Elisha Gifford by his second wife, Polly Washburn, whose marriage took place when the respective ages of the bride and groom were twenty-nine and eighty-two years. Four children were born to them as follows:

Nancy Ann Gifford, b. July 26, 1831; m. Isaac Warren Dec. 4, 1855, Kent, Putnam Co., N. Y.

ELISHA GIFFORD, b. ——— ———; m. Louisa J. Knapp; he is a clergyman in Somerville, Mass.

VAN RENSSALAER GIFFORD, b. ——— ———; m. Mary A. Bennett. Residence, Northfield, Minn.

LODESCA, b. ——— ———; unmarried; d. ——— ———.

The Gifford family traces its history back to the date 1066, having one coat-of-arms of this period, and another which belongs to the later English branch of the family.

The first settler of this name was William Gifford, who is believed to have been in Stamford, Conn., on or before 1647. In 1650 he was a resident of Falmouth, Mass. The copy of a deed of land which he purchased from the Indians in 1673 in Falmouth (then called Succanessett) is still in the possession of the family. Stephen Gifford, another early settler of this name, born in 1641, was one of the first proprietors of Norwich, Conn. (1659).

The early Giffords were Quakers and suffered persecution in both Europe and America.*

Elisha Gifford was born in Norwich, Connecticut, in 1749. When the Revolutionary War began, he was living in Fredericktown, then Dutchess (now Putnam) County, New York. It is said that he was at Bunker Hill, and it is known that he served three months, enlisting February, 1776, under

Colonel Swartout
Captain Ludington

in New York City, where he was employed in the erection of the fortifications. The following is an exact copy of a letter (from the Commissioner of Pensions) containing the record of Elisha Gifford's service as a soldier in the Revolution, taken from the Rolls of the Pension Department:

He was a Minute Man, and as such, served three months, from Feb. 1776, under Captain Ludington in New York City, in building batteries, in the command of Colonel Swartout. Afterwards, he was drafted, but on account of the dangerous sickness of his wife, he furnished Jonas Yeoman as a substitute. In 1776 or 1777 he was drafted for two months under

Captain Elihu Barnum,

and was on duty at Fort Constitution, opposite West Point, N. Y.

On the alarm of the burning of Danbury, Conn, April 27, 1777, he turned out under

Captain Hezekiah Mead

for one week, but before he arrived there, the enemy had retreated to their shipping at the mouth of the Housatonic River on Long Island Sound. On another alarm he served for ten days under the same captain at Fishkill and at Secret Oak in Dutchess and Westchester Counties, New York.

In the fall of 1780 he served two months at Fishkill and at Goshen, in Orange County, N. Y., under

Colonel Ferris
Captain Lake.

When, during the winter he was out one month with Captain Ludington near a fort close to New York, and had a skirmish with

* From the Gifford Genealogy, 1626-1896. By Harry E. Gifford.

the enemy while securing provisions and forage which were brought to White Plains for the army, the weather was extremely cold.

He also served one month each in two winters on guard on the road to Frederickton to prevent the depredations of the Tories on the inhabitants, they being unusually active in plundering and destroying property.

(Signed) GREEN B. RAUM,
Commissioner.

Washington, D. C., April 23, 1890.

Mr. Gifford died June 3, 1837, aged eighty-nine years. His widow survived him about half a century, and drew a pension for many years.

Mrs. Warren's* recollections of her father are very vague, as she was only six years old at the time of his death. Her younger brother, Van Renssalaer Gifford, of Northfield, Minn, has sought to ascertain whether there is any living son of a Revolutionary soldier younger than himself, and so far has failed to find any. He served in the Union Army in the Civil War and believes that he is the only son of a Revolutionary soldier who fought in 1861-65.

Susan Brooks Miller.

* Mrs. Nancy Ann (Gifford) Warren has three children, namely:
EMMA, b. April 19, 1856; m. L. Willard Jaycox, Dec. 5, 1878.
ELLA, b. Nov. 16, 1857; m. Mangham Huestis, Oct. 18, 1881.
ALBERT F., b. Oct. 11, 1859; m. Delia Lockwood, Aug. 21, 18—.

LUCRETIA (HOLLY) TOWN

JOHN HOLLY—PATRIOT

JOHN HOLLY, founder of the Holly family in Stamford, " was one of the most prominent of our early settlers. He was from the first employed in the almost constant service of either the town or the Colony. In 1647, he was appointed Marshall for the settlement. He was later made Collector of Customs and excise here, which office he discharged to the acceptance of the General Court. He was repeatedly one of the selectmen of the town, and one of its representatives in the General Court."

"In 1654 he was made Associate Judge with those worthies, Law and Bell, for the Court to be held at this plantation. After the union of New Haven with the Connecticut Colony, he was made Commissioner with Law for Stamford, Greenwich, and Rye, and to assist in the executing of justice at the Fairfield County Court." *

John Holly, THE PATRIOT, was born on December 28, 1760, in Darien, Conn. He enlisted as a private under

Colonel Heman Swift
Captain Titus Watson,

and served six years. He applied for a pension, which was granted.†

John Holly married Fanny Thompson. Their children were: William, Rebecca, Nancy, Emeline; David S., born June 21, 1804; married October 9, 1829, Nancy M. Hoyt (who died June 25, 1864); he died August 27, 1884; *Lucretia*, born May 6, 1809; died July 30, 1903.

Lucretia Holly was born in Darien, Conn. Her father died July 10, 1824, when she was but fourteen years of age. She married

* Huntington's History of Stamford.

† Connecticut Men in the Revolution, p. 634.

James Kerr, who died a few years after their marriage. They lived in New York City, where a daughter was born to them whom they called Sarah. When seventeen years old, Sarah married, June 27, 1847, Thaddeus Reed of Five Mile River. She died (1854) at twenty-four years of age, leaving a son, James Reed (born about 1850), who was brought up by his grandmother. He married Emily Slawson and had two daughters, Mary and Sarah Florence. Mary married Mr. Lawrence. Sarah Florence married June 14, 1895, Frank Bradley, and their child Gladys (born in Danbury, Conn.) is Mrs. Town's great-great-grandchild, whom Mrs. Town lived to enjoy for several years.

Lucretia Holly Kerr married second, Benjamin Town on June 30, 1842. He was born August 26, 1798, and died at their home on Davenport Ridge, Stamford, May 18, 1875, aged seventy-six years and eight months. After her husband's death Mrs. Town sold her place and came in 1889 to Darien, where she lived an active life, enjoying good health and her friends, and interested in her home and country until her death on July 30, 1903, aged ninety-six.

Mrs. Town was among the latest admissions to the National Society. Her number is 40,208.

Sylvia St.John.
Susan Brooks Miller.

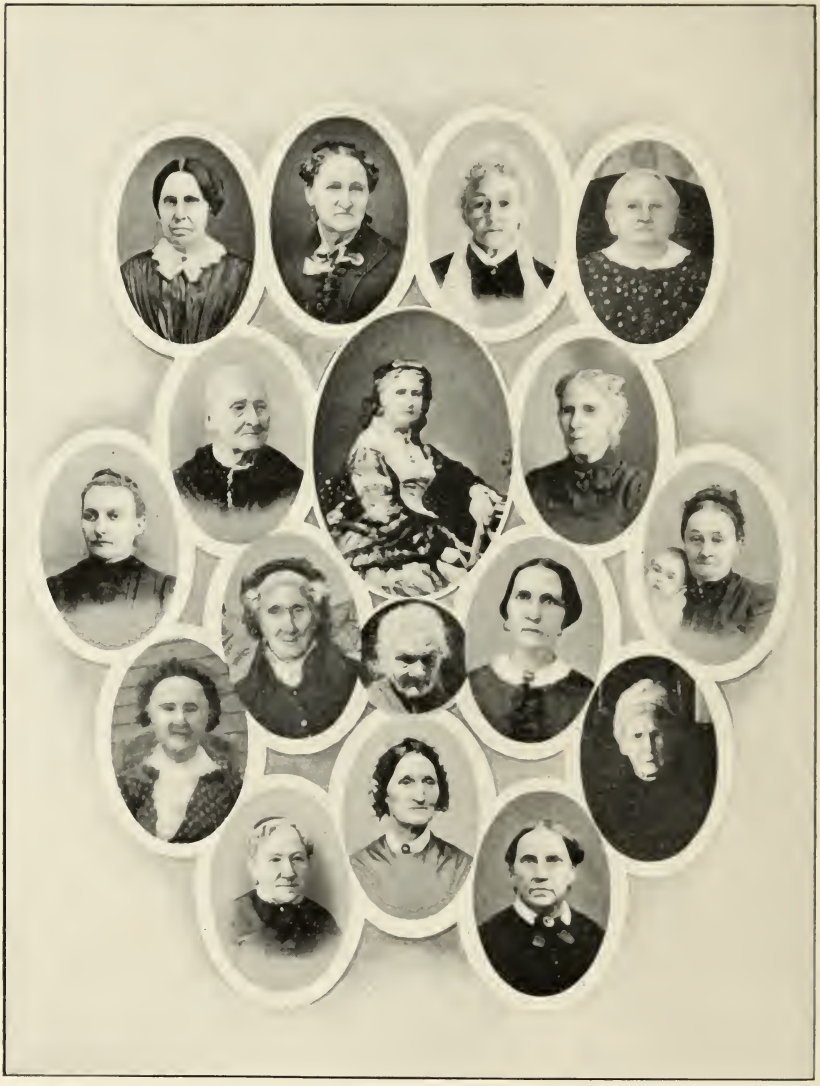
(Upper first row)

Almira Foster—Bedotha Pierpont (Button) Curtis

Abigail Ann (Atwater) Bradley—Caroline (Brockway) Pratt

(Upper center row)

Martha (Abell) Rich—Anne Duryee (Phillips) Lee—Esther (Robbins) Tyler



(Extreme left and right)

Ann (Tyler) Beaumont

Mabel (Cooley) Hobart

(Lower center row)

Nancy (Cloes) Ray—Rebecca Osborn—Eliz. Lansing (McAlpine) Finch

(Lowest outside row)

Phebe (Rockwell) Gainford

Electa A. (Manchester) VanVleck

Maria (Ives) Parker

Delia Clark (Murdock) Dowd

Maria (Bronson) Bradley

Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter

MERIDEN

Daughters of	Patriots
ANNE DURYEE (PHILLIPS) LEE	THOMPSON PHILLIPS —Lieutenant
BEDOTHA PIERPONT (BUTTON) CURTIS	NEWBURY BUTTON —Fifer
ELECTA A. (MANCHESTER) VAN VLECK	JOSEPH MANCHESTER
ALMIRA FOSTER	ABEL FOSTER
MARTHA (ABELL) RICH	ELIJAH ABELL ABEL ABELL
ESTHER (ROBBINS) TYLER	EBENEZER ROBBINS
ABIGAIL ANN (ATWATER) BRADLEY	ABRAHAM ATWATER ISAAC ATWATER SAMUEL ATWATER —Drummer
MARIA (BRONSON) BRADLEY	JOSEPH BRONSON
PHOEBE (ROCKWELL) GAINFORD	JABEZ ROCKWELL
MARIA (IVES) PARKER	ICHABOD IVES
MABEL (COOLEY) HOBART	GEORGE COOLEY
ELIZABETH LANSING (McALPINE) FINCH	JOHN McALPINE
CAROLINE (BROCKWAY) PRATT	JOHN BROCKWAY —Sergeant
DELIA CLARK (MURDOCK) DOWD	JOHN MURDOCK WILLIAM MURDOCK PETER MURDOCK —Cabin Boy
REBECCA OSBORN	JOHN OSBORN —Captain ETHAN OSBORN ELIADA OSBORN
ANN (TYLER) BEAUMONT	JOHN TYLER
NANCY (CLOES) RAY	CHARLES CLOES

PALACE OF FIELD MARSHALS—COUNT VON MOLTKE AND COUNT VON WALDERSEE, BERLIN, GERMANY.

(The home of Mrs. Anne Duryee (Phillips) Lee.)

WINTER SCENE AT THE HOME OF MRS. ANNE DURYEE (PHILLIPS) LEE, BERLIN.

(The Emperor and Empress of Germany in the sleigh, Count von Waldersee standing near.)

ANNE DURYEE (PHILLIPS) LEE

THOMPSON PHILLIPS—PATRIOT

ANNE DURYEE PHILLIPS, the great granddaughter of Governor Saltonstall, and daughter of Lieutenant Thompson Phillips, and his wife (Abby Mumford) was born in Middletown, Connecticut, August 5, 1803. When three years of age she lost her father who was second lieutenant on the *Oliver Cromwell*, the first man-of-war sent out by Connecticut during the Revolution.

Much of her girlhood was spent (together with her only sister, Abby) with her uncle, William Cushing, Judge of the Supreme Court, and her aunt, Hannah Cushing (born Phillips), at their home in Scituate, near Boston.

In 1826, she married Mr. David Lee, a highly respected merchant of New York, and had a family of six children. Three years after the death of her husband, which occurred in 1853, Mrs. Lee* went to Europe to visit her daughter, Josephine, who had married the Baron de Waechter-Lautenbach, Minister from Wurtemburg, at the French Court, as well as an elder daughter who had married Captain A. C. Murray of the Royal Navy, in her parents' house in New York. In 1866, she went to America with her youngest daughter, the widowed Princess de Noer, for two years, leaving her native land again in 1868 for the last time.

On the breaking out of the French-German war of 1870, she went to Stuttgart to live with her daughter, Baroness de Waechter-Lautenbach, whose husband had been appointed Minister of foreign affairs of Wurtemberg. In 1874, she went to Hanover, to her daughter, Mary, Countess de Waldersee, with whom she lived the rest of her life, passing the summer months with her daughter, Josephine, on her estate in the valley of the Neckar.

* The central portrait in the group illustration is of Mrs. Anne Duryee (Phillips) Lee. It is from a photograph taken when Mrs. Lee was about sixty years old.

GENERAL FIELD MARSHAL COUNT VON WALDERSEE AND HIS WIFE MARY, COUNTESS VON WALDERSEE, DAUGHTER OF MRS. ANNE DURYEE (PHILLIPS) LEE, GRAND-DAUGHTER OF LIEUTENANT THOMPSON PHILLIPS, PATRIOT.

(From a German postal card printed when Count von Waldersee was in China, 1899–1901, and addressed to Maj. Gen'l Adna R. Chaffee, Philippine Islands.)

Mrs. Lee was a woman of marked individuality, with a fine mind and with great personal attraction. She made many friends among the distinguished people she met at her daughters' houses, notably Field Marshal Count von Moltke and Mr. Kasson and Mr. Phelps, who were successive Ministers from the United States to Berlin. With the two latter she continued in correspondence. Her many letters to relatives were greatly appreciated, as she truly possessed "the pen of the ready writer."

Her warm heart made her universally beloved, and during her long life she was ever ready to alleviate the wants and sufferings of those around her.

Mrs. Lee died in Hanover, on March 30, 1899, in her ninety-sixth year, at the home of her son-in-law, Field Marshal Count Waldersee and her daughter Mary, of which she was the loved centre. She died firmly believing in her Redeemer, in whom, she repeatedly said, she put all her trust.

(Signed) *Mary, Countess von Waldersee.*

Heute bald nach 12 Uhr Mittags entschlief sanft im festen Glauben an ihren Erlöser im 96. Jahre eines reich gesegneten Lebens unsere theure Mutter, Schwiegermutter, Großmutter und Urgroßmutter,

Mrs. A. D. Lee.

Hannover, 30. März 1899.

Namens der Hinterbliebenen

Josephine Freifrau von Wächter-Lautenbach.
Marie Gräfin Waldersee,
Alfred Graf Waldersee, General-Oberst der Kavallerie.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT.

To-day, soon after 12 o'clock noon in her 96th year, died our beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and greatgrandmother, Mrs. A. D. Lee, Hannover, 30 March 1899.

Names of the bereft: Josephine Baroness von Waechter-Lautenbach, Mary Countess Waldersee, Alfred Count Waldersee, Commanding General of the Cavalry.

BEDOTHA PIERPONT (BUTTON) CURTIS

NEWBURY BUTTON—PATRIOT

IN 1810, sixth month, ninth day, in the village of North Haven, Connecticut, little Bedotha came into the household of Newbury and Bedotha (Pierpont) Button. The baby received royal welcome from seven sisters and a brother already in the cosy home. When "Bedy," as she was nicknamed, was fourteen years old she lived near the Battery in New York, and saw the return to America of Marquis de Lafayette. The Button children were especially interested in the distinguished Frenchman's visit, for was not their father a Revolutionary veteran and did he not tell numberless tales of the brave officer who sacrificed home and fortune for the cause of freedom? Newbury, born March 25, 1766, at Stonington, was fifer in a company which left that town, and when going into action his uncle frequently seated the young musician upon his shoulders, grasped the lad's feet and thus made the shrill fifing heard clearly all along the line. The children never wearied of hearing father tell stories of his army life, and often acted the scenes in their play. "Bedy" represented father and blew lustily upon a willow whistle as Edward bore her aloft at the head of a valiant band, charging upon the enemy, the neighbor's children.

Occupying a sightly position on a fence near Castle Garden, all the Buttons watched the *Cadmus* come up the Bay and discharge her distinguished passengers 'mid the din of cannon, musketry and shouts, inspiring to hear and impossible to forget. The loyal little folk participated enthusiastically in the demonstration. Each girl wore a white dress trimmed with red or blue ribbons and waved vigorously a blue bordered silk handkerchief stamped "Welcome Lafayette, the Nation's Guest." The boy of the party exercised his arms with a flag evolved by mother from a red striped kerchief starred with blue homespun. Every hand waved a kindly greeting and each throat added volume to the welcoming cheers which peeled forth as the procession of statesmen, soldiers and merchants (the last seizing a golden opportunity to advertise) marched up Broad-

way to the City Hall. The quiet bearing and thin, dark countenance of the "Nation's Guest" was disappointing to the young folk. "Bedy" expected the Marquis to wear a crown, and all agreed he was an ordinary looking man to create such excitement. Despite their criticisms they would see all, and loud was their grief to find the City Hall barred against children. Gathering the newspapers thrown from the printer's wagons, the little Buttons trooped homeward, and the wonderful day was over.

Some years later, Mr. Button and family returned to North Haven, where he died December 18, 1843. The children married

RESIDENCE OF MRS. LEMUEL J. CURTIS (BEDOTHA PIERPONT BUTTON), MERIDEN.

and went their different ways. Bedotha married Lemuel J. Curtis, December 23, 1835. They lived in Meriden, where, 1852, he was one of the founders of the Meriden Britannia Company. Two daughters were born, Celia, who never married, and Adelaide, wife of John Parker. Christmas Eve, 1885, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis celebrated their golden wedding, having among their guests four of the first wedding party.

June 28, 1884, Bishop Williams, of the diocese of Connecticut, dedicated the Curtis Home, "for the relief of orphan children and aged women," built and endowed with about half a million of dollars by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis.

Mrs. Curtis outlived husband and children, dying October 15, 1899.

ELECTA A. (MANCHESTER) VAN VLECK

JOSEPH MANCHESTER—PATRIOT

ELECTA A., second daughter and third child of Joseph and Hannah (Tabor) Manchester, was born August 29, 1809, at Madison, Madison County, New York. The bright, pretty girl led her suitors a merry chase until Leander Simmons of Hamilton came, saw, conquered and married her August 16, 1832. Two little ones came to this happy home, the elder dying soon after birth and the second, a baby when she lost her father, March 1, 1837. Fifteen years later Mrs. Simmons married Doctor Volkert H. Van Vleck of Hamilton and moved to Newfield, New Jersey. Doctor Van Vleck dying in 1879, his widow went to Davenport, Iowa, to live with her only child, Mrs. Charles S. Durfee. Here Mrs. Van Vleck died, March 25, 1899.

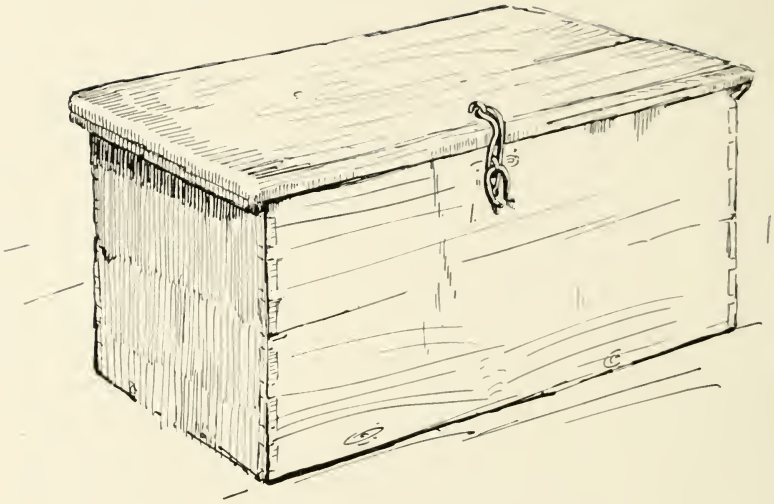
Her father, Joseph Manchester, enlisted in the Continental Army at North Kingston, Rhode Island, and served through the war without a furlough. He was in the regiments of Colonels Rich, Fry and Bowen.

Colonel Bowen was particularly friendly and gave Manchester a Bible which he carried through the entire campaign.

Mrs. Van Vleck had her father's army drinking cup, and often told of his sufferings during the terrible winter at Valley Forge, of his marching with bare feet through the snow and of the long fight at Monmouth under the scorching sun. Captain Manchester said that many a poor fellow, escaping the British bullets on Monmouth field, died from immoderate drinking of cold water.

The Captain was present when Washington signed the death warrant of Major André and noticed that the general was greatly affected, his hand trembling as he wrote his name.

August, 1832, Captain Manchester moved to Coventry, Rhode Island, and there applied for a pension, which he drew till his death, January 8, 1841. The pension was received by his widow until her death at Coventry, June 27, 1859.



ABEL FOSTER'S CAMP CHEST (DARK RED).

Used by him during the Revolutionary War.

ALMIRA FOSTER

ABEL FOSTER—PATRIOT

ABEL FOSTER, a Revolutionary veteran, born July 9, 1752, at Townsend, Massachusetts, came to Mount Holly, Vermont, in 1805. Making a clearing and building a log house, he brought his family (wife and ten children), in March, 1806, to the new home on the summit of the Green Mountains. Almira, the youngest, was born in Townsend, September 10, 1805. In the family circle, gathered about the blazing kitchen fire, she heard much to stir the blood and make her young heart beat fast. Here, father depicted the confusion and excitement of his march on the alarm, April 19, 1775; fought again the battle of Bunker Hill, where, at his side, mother's boyish brother, Benjamin Wood, fell; showed the children his cartridge box used at the battle of Saratoga, his wallet carried on the long Virginia marches, and described the privations at Valley Forge. Then, as he replaced the precious army souvenirs in the little camp chest, used during the war, father told how he shook hands with George Washington and frequently heard the great general praying at Valley Forge.

Abel Foster trained his children in the home industries of that day, sent them to school for six months each year, and furnished them with such literature as "The Life of Joseph," "Beauties of the Bible," Increase Mather's "Heaven's Alarm to the World," "The Approaching Judgments of God upon the Roman Empire" and "Pilgrim's Progress."

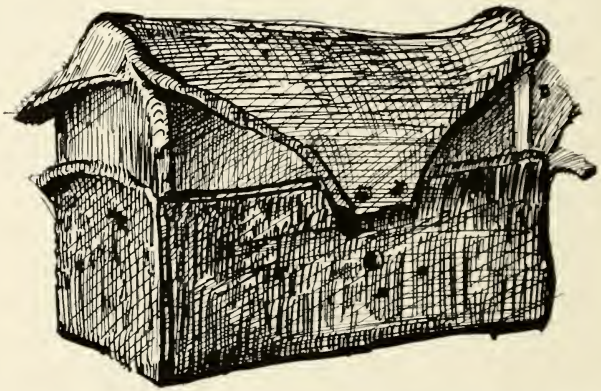
During the War of 1812 two sons, Larned and Benjamin, went to the defense of Plattsburg, their sympathies aroused by a letter from a relative near Canada. When twenty-seven years of age, Almira went to Lowell, Massachusetts, to work in the cotton mills, and for four happy years was of that band of girls described by Charles Dickens in "American Notes" where he praised the high

character of "'The Lowell Offering,' a Repository of original articles written by females actively employed in the mills." Lucy Larcom was editor of this magazine.

After Abel Foster's death, February 21, 1836, Almira returned to her mother at Mt. Holly. The wife of Abel Foster was Mary Wood, born at Billerica, Massachusetts, August, 1762, married April 29, 1783, and died December 13, 1862, living through the American and French Revolutions and knitting stockings for the soldiers of 1776 and 1862.

When Mrs. Foster died Almira devoted herself to an invalid sister, whose death released the loving nurse from forty years of continuous service.

In 1876, Miss Foster moved to a brother's home in Cuttingsville, Vermont, where, December 5, 1900, this Patriot's Daughter fell asleep full of years and good works.



ABEL FOSTER'S LEATHER CARTRIDGE BOX (USED BY HIM DURING THE REVOLUTION).

The illustrations in this sketch are from pen and ink drawings furnished by Mrs. Helen M. Crowley, Cuttingsville, Vermont.

MARTHA (ABELL) RICH

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—ABELL

"I AM talking to a man of sense," replied Abel Abell when asked why he frequently talked to himself. He was a man of sense, shrewd in business and fervent in spirit. Born September 14, 1757, at Norwich, Connecticut, the round-faced, blue-eyed fellow enlisted April 7, 1777, in Captain Robert Warner's Company, Third Regiment, under Colonel Wyllys. The unfortunate soldier was imprisoned on the British ship *Jersey*, anchored near Brooklyn, and compelled to work dragging a cannon ball chained to his ankle. The prisoners were closely packed into the ship, and given stagnant water, wormy, mouldy bread and tainted meat. Mr. Abell said even a nubbin of corn or a raw squash would have been a delicacy. "The morning of our release," he added, "soup was made for all the departing prisoners, and not one poor fellow who ate of it escaped death."

Abel Abell's brother Elijah, born October 18, 1755, took part in the Point Judith expedition. He never married, and died September 14, 1842.

Soon after the war Abel Abell married Lucy, daughter of Daniel Hubbard, and they had eight children, Daniel, Jabez, Alice, Asahel, Robert, Elijah, Isaac and Abel. Mrs. Abell died, and April 28, 1805, he married Jemima, daughter of Ozias Brainerd. Three more children were born, *Martha*, Amiel and Jabez Lathrop. Mr. Abell made carts and cart wheels, and when his father-in-law moved to Ohio from Chatham he built thirteen covered wagons for the journey. Eleven children meant hard work for a father even in those primitive days, and Mr. Abell built a saw and grist mill which was patronized by all the countryside because of his superior process for grinding corn.

Several years after the Revolution the old soldier received a pension of eight dollars per month.

March 14, 1841, this hero died and now rests beside his brother, Elijah, in Young Street Cemetery, Chatham.

Martha Abell, born at Chatham May 1, 1806, married Amos Rich, April 10, 1822. Few modern damsels sixteen years old are competent to take charge of a household, but Martha, youngest daughter of a large family, could cook, brew, spin, weave and sew. For many years she made all the clothing for her husband and ten children, spinning and weaving days and sewing evenings by home-made tallow dips.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Mrs. Rich sent four sons and two sons-in-law to the front. Bernice, born December 24, 1823, enlisted August 7, 1862, in Company H, 21st Regiment, and died January 4, 1863, at Falmouth, Virginia. Leander, her youngest child, born January 14, 1846, enlisted August 6, 1862, for three years in the same company and regiment. He had measles, took cold sleeping on the ground through a rain, was discharged November 29, 1863, for disability and died of consumption, September 22, 1865. Denison, born August 28, 1830, enlisted for nine months, August 21, 1862, in Company C, 24th Regiment; was promoted to Corporal and served thirteen months. Lorenzo Dow, born May 30, 1840, enlisted September 9, 1862, for nine months in the same company and regiment as Denison. They were mustered out together, September 30, 1863.

The other children of Amos and Martha Rich were Robert, Emeline, Elizabeth, Marietta, Anna Abell and Herman.

Great-grandmother to forty children, grandmother to thirty grandchildren, survivor of husband and five of ten sons and daughters, Mrs. Rich died May 22, 1902, at East Hampton, Connecticut.

ESTHER (ROBBINS) TYLER

EBENEZER ROBBINS—PATRIOT

EBENEZER ROBBINS, born 1758, at Hampton, Connecticut, enlisted in Captain Thomas Dyer's Company, Colonel John Durkee's Regiment, and served one year.

Mr. Robbins was the father of eight children, four (William A., Mary, Nelson and Edwin) by his first wife, married in 1804: Rufus, Esther, Mary J. and Ebenezer, Jr., children of the second wife, Zeruah Carpenter, who was born July 13, 1787, at Willington and married in 1818.

June 6, 1818, Ebenezer Robbins was living at Ashford, Connecticut, and applied for a pension. October 6, 1849, he died at Westford, a parish of Ashford, and his widow received his pension until her death at Willington, July 30, 1855.

REVOLUTIONARY SLEEVE BUTTONS USED AND OWNED BY EBENEZER ROBBINS.

Of the eight children* but one survives. Esther, born May 20, 1820, at Westford, married George Tyler, born March 19, 1810, in Westford, and moved to Union City, Michigan, where her husband died, February 5, 1882.

Mrs. Tyler is well and writes in a recent letter, "I well remember sitting in the chimney corner at my father's feet, listening to his recitals of the long wearisome marches and his thrilling experiences at the battle of Trenton." 'The only keepsake I have of my father is a pair of silver sleeve buttons."

* Another daughter of Patriot Ebenezer Robbins became an honorary member of the Katharine Gaylord Chapter, Bristol, Connecticut. See pp. 155-160.

ABIGAIL ANN (ATWATER) BRADLEY.

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REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—ATWATER

AT the outbreak of the Revolution, Abraham Atwater and his son Isaac shouldered muskets and enlisted, leaving Timothy and Samuel to protect their mother and sisters. But in those days few boys staid contentedly at home, and one June day, watching a new regiment come into camp, Abraham Atwater was surprised to see his nineteen-year-old son Samuel acting as drummer.

Enlisting in Captain Bunnell's Company from Wallingford under Colonel Douglas, Fifth Battalion Wadsworth's Brigade, raised June, 1776, to re-enforce Washington, the lad served on the Brooklyn front, August 27, 1776, at the battle of Long Island. In the defense of New York, September 15, his company was with Colonel Douglas at Kip's Bay, 34th Street, and during the hasty retreat of the Americans his brother Isaac was killed. The young drummer was also a participant at the battle of White Plains.

When Abraham Atwater married Mary Ball, in 1738, he built the house still standing in Cheshire, Connecticut (then a parish of Wallingford), upon land purchased of his grandfather, Jonathan Atwater. This farm has descended from father to son for six generations. Here Abraham Atwater died January 4, 1786, and here December 6, 1781, Samuel Atwater married Patience Peck and became father of ten children, a son, Flamen, and nine daughters. January 12, 1848, Samuel Atwater died in the room where, ninety-one years before, he drew his first breath.

Abigail Ann, his eighth child, born October 17, 1800, married in her nineteenth year Levi Bradley, and settled on a farm adjoining her birthplace, where she trained a family of five children; Emeline, who married Alfred Curtis; Samuel, married Abigail Doolittle; William L., married Frances Coe; Nathaniel L., married Harriet Peck, and Abby, who married Walter Hubbard.

A woman of remarkable vigor, mentally and physically, Mrs. Bradley lived to be over ninety-six years of age, and when she died, May 5, 1897, at Meriden, she had been a widow twenty years and had survived four of her five children.

THE ATWATER HOMESTEAD, CHESHIRE.

(The cut for this illustration was kindly loaned by the Meriden Journal Publishing Company.)

MARIA (BRONSON) BRADLEY

JOSEPH BRONSON—PATRIOT

"GRANDFATHER was a thickset, round-faced man of mild disposition, exceedingly fond of, and indulgent to, his family," writes a granddaughter of Joseph Bronson, a Revolutionary pensioner of Waterbury, Connecticut. She further says, "Twice a year, grandfather drove from Waterbury to Hartford for his pension, taking two days for the journey, always a joyous one for the grandchild privileged to accompany him." What cracking of jokes, feasts of cookies and apples from grandmother's bountiful lunch basket; what exciting tales of the war in which grandfather fought for two and one half years! Then on the return how the old soldier's mind dwelt upon bygone days when he enlisted as color-bearer, March, 1777, in Captain William Judd's Company, Colonel Samuel Wyllys' Regiment! His grandchild never forgot the picture of Yorktown battlefield and the surrender of Lord Cornwallis.

Joseph Bronson, born in Waterbury March, 1756, married December 23, 1784, Hannah, daughter of an eminent English surgeon, Preserved Porter of Waterbury, a Royalist and Churchman. Hannah, born 1765, in Waterbury, inherited her father's strong character, and, despite public opinion, trained her eleven children according to the tenets of the Church of England. Nevertheless, in 1812, the eldest son espoused the cause of his native land, and one stormy night, on guard, took a cold which carried him to his grave.

Mr. Bronson lived at Sharon while employed on a government contract, also at Rodman, New York, where April 11, 1818, he applied for a pension.

But the homestead was in Scrub Oak District, a mile from Waterbury. Here, October 19, 1807, was born Maria, his youngest child. In 1830 she married William F. Bradley of Woodbridge, and their daughter Jennie married Sidney M. Clark of West Haven. Mrs. Bradley lost her mother in 1839 and her father in 1852. Both parents are buried in the old cemetery which is now the site of the Bronson Library. Since Mr. Bradley's death his wife's home is in West Haven.

JABEZ ROCKWELL OF RIDGEBURY CONN.
HIS HORN MADE IN CAMP AT VALLEY
FORGE FIRST USED AT MONMOUTH
JUNE 28 1778 & LAST AT YORK TOWN 1781.

THE INSCRIPTION ON THIS POWDER HORN READS:

JABEZ ROCKWELL OF RIDGEBURY, CONN., HIS HORN MADE IN CAMP AT VALLEY FORGE, FIRST USED AT MONMOUTH JUNE 28, 1778, AND LAST AT YORK TOWN, 1781.

PHOEBE (ROCKWELL) GAINFORD

JABEZ ROCKWELL—PATRIOT

THE beautiful Ridgebury hills of Connecticut charm the historian with their traditions of the camp of Rochambeau's army, conferences of Revolutionary generals and British skirmishes. Amid these surroundings Jabez Rockwell was born October 3, 1761, and breathing such patriotic air, it is not surprising that he was but fourteen years old when he enlisted, May 6, 1775, in the company raised in Ridgebury parish, Ridgefield, by Captain Ichabod Doolittle. For five years he served continuously under Generals Washington, Lafayette, Wayne, Putnam and Benedict Arnold. February 16, 1777, he enlisted in Captain Vine Elderkin's Company and the following spring went into the field at Camp Peekskill under General Arnold. The young soldier was wounded at Saratoga, and when, in after years, that battle or the treachery of Arnold was mentioned, would say, "But remember his gallantry at Saratoga."

The Seventh Connecticut Regiment was ordered to Pennsylvania, joining Washington's army in time to participate in the battle of Germantown. While encamped at Valley Forge, enduring privations which he said were never adequately described, young Rockwell and thirty other soldiers lost their powder horns. Five cattle had been butchered for camp rations and there was great strife over the distribution of the horns. One day General Washington was asked to decide the important question, so writing upon a paper the General said, "This number is between 1500 and 2000. The ten soldiers making nearest guesses receive horns." The numerals were 1776, correctly guessed by one; four others, one of them Jabez, guessed 1750. Rockwell scraped, polished and marked his horn in obedience to the order requiring the owner's name upon each horn that no confusion arise when replenished at the powder

PHOEBE (ROCKWELL) GAINFORD.
(Now living (1904) and in her one hundredth year.)

wagon. The inscription reads, "Jabez Rockwell of Ridgebury, Conn. His Horn made in camp at Valley Forge, first used at Monmouth June 28, 1778."

One morning, after breakfast of roasted potatoes and hickory nuts, Jabez was sentinel at headquarters, where Washington noticed him and inquired about his fare. The boy's replies sent the General to his tent for a day's supply of bread and meat for his young guard. Twice Rockwell helped row the boat with Washington and his officers across the frozen Schuylkill River. The second night, the crossing was especially perilous, and hands as well as oars were necessary to keep the ice from crushing the craft. The General betrayed no fear but constantly encouraged the oarsmen.

Although wounded at Monmouth, Rockwell was able to be with his regiment at White Plains and was among one hundred and twelve selected to join the force of General Wayne for the storming of Stony Point, captured at midnight July 15, 1779. Wayne went among his soldiers, bidding them remember the good times "after we gain independence."

"Victory is certain" was his confident reply to doubters. Jabez Rockwell, praising the bravery of his captain, said, "Vine Elderkin was not an officer lagging behind, calling 'Go on, boys!' No, always leading and shouting, 'Come on, boys!'"

At Stony Point, the general command given, Elderkin called at the top of his voice to his company, "Now boys, give 'em the bayonet! Remember Paoli!" and the charge followed. Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown finished Rockwell's military career. Returning home, he fell captive to the fascinations of pretty Sarah Rundel, remembering that when he marched through Danbury she gave him a cup of water. July 4, 1785, they married. Twelve years passed, seven children were born, and hearing of the fertile lands in Pennsylvania, they emigrated to Milford, Pike County. Here, May 24, 1798, Mrs. Rockwell died, and September, 1799, her widower married seventeen-year-old Elizabeth Mulford, and seven more little brothers and sisters were added to the family. For forty years the old soldier made Milford his home, then, 1837, moved to Honesdale, Wayne County, declaring that the county's designation made the change desirable, the name being in honor of "Mad

Anthony" in whose division Rockwell fought at Monmouth. In that battle he said "Washington, Lafayette and Wayne had Divine protection and bore charmed lives."

When General Lafayette made his triumphal tour in America, four Revolutionary veterans, Jabez Rockwell, Thomas Gay, Joshua Hutchins and Samuel Whitehead, walked seventy-two miles to New York from Pennsylvania. The second day, fatigued and travel-stained, the old men reached Lafayette's hotel and asked for their former commander. They were repulsed, and were told that New York's mayor and the Congressional Committee were with the Marquis. The rebuff aroused Rockwell's warlike spirit; striding up to the hotel clerk, he thundered, "Young man, we have traveled on foot two days to see General Lafayette. We fought under him before you were born; we are now under the same roof with him and, if necessary, ready to fight again to see him." The clerk sent up their names to the General, who asked Mr. Clay to summon them. The great Frenchman was cordial, according them an interview which sent them home rejoicing.

Twenty years after, Henry Clay ran for President and Jabez Rockwell, a lifelong Democrat, cast his last presidential vote for the man courteous to old soldiers.

January 17, 1847, Mr. Rockwell died at Honesdale and was buried with military honors in the Methodist cemetery. "The Honesdale Guards" and a delegation from the Masonic Lodge escorted the remains to their final resting place. All along the way was heard the beat of the drum and the shrill notes of the fife playing the old soldier's favorite, "The Masonic Adieu." Every Memorial Day his grave, the only Revolutionary soldier's grave in Honesdale, is decorated by the G. A. R.

Phebe Rockwell, born June 30, 1805, married John Kimble, and after his death William L. Gainford. Five of her eight children are living. Mrs. Gainford and her sister, Mrs. Lucinda Valentine, live together at Matamoras, Pennsylvania. Hale and hearty in spite of ninety-nine summers, Mrs. Gainford gives every promise of passing the century mark.

The cut of the powder horn used in this sketch was kindly loaned by Mrs. William J. Milligan of Philadelphia.

MARIA (IVES) PARKER

ICHABOD IVES—PATRIOT

ICHABOD IVES, born in Bristol, Connecticut, August 14, 1759, was of sturdy Puritan stock, and the training of his boyhood on his father's farm increased his natural self-reliance. December, 1775, he joined Captain Isaac Cook's Company for three months, and May, 1776, enlisted in Captain Brockett's Company, 5th Battalion Wadsworth's Brigade, and served for seven months. The following May he was in Captain Joseph Peck's Company, Colonel Roger Eno's Regiment. He joined Captain Johnson's Company, Colonel Hooker's Regiment and marched the 18th of April, 1780, but was discharged March 22, 1781, only to join Captain Edward's Company, Colonel Shipman's Regiment, for a year's campaign. In 1782 he was for two months in Captain Amos Hotchkiss' Company. Returning to Wallingford for a well-earned rest, Ichabod married Molly Clark. The following July his country's call seemed imperative, and he became a member of Captain Fitch's Company, General Waterbury's State Brigade. In September his company was at West Point with Colonel Canfield's Regiment. He participated in the battles of Harlem, White Plains and Throgg's Point. A son, Isaac, greeted the young soldier at his home-coming.

Nine other little ones came into the household: Laura, Betsy, Lodemy, Miles, Julia, Polly, Charlotte and twins, Mary and *Maria*, born December 5, 1802. Five months after the birth of the twins, Isaac, the first born, was lost at sea. Eight of the ten children lived to marry.

Maria married James Parker of Cheshire, February 8, 1824. Two years after, January 9, 1826, her mother died, and in 1832 her father applied for a pension which furnished him every comfort until his death at Wallingford, February 25, 1845.

The mother of eleven children, all but one living to maturity, and nine married, Mrs. Parker survived her husband and died at Cheshire August 21, 1897, in her ninety-second year.

MABEL (COOLEY) HOBART AND HER GREAT-GRANDCHILD.

MABEL (COOLEY) HOBART

GEORGE COOLEY—PATRIOT

WHERE the Springfield Park now spreads lawns for the pleasure of the city's little ones, about a hundred years ago, the seven Cooley children romped in the hayfields, not dreaming of the distinction in store for the old farm. Their father, George Cooley, native of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, served three years in the Revolution, part of the time in Captain John Hobby's Company, Colonel Greaton's Massachusetts Regiment. Honorably discharged from the army, like Ulysses, George turned his footsteps homeward to find Penelope, faithful and spinning golden dreams with the linen threads of her bridal "setting out."

Penelope Rumsill became Penelope Cooley, and the young couple established their household on a Springfield farm. Health failing, Mr. Cooley applied for a pension April 11, 1818, which was granted his widow after his death, December 13, 1819.

Aided on the farm by her sturdy boys, Mrs. Cooley brought up her family and saw five children married. Mabel, born February 19, 1811, married David Hobart September 28, 1830, at Enfield, Connecticut, and moved to Meriden, where Mr. Hobart died, December 31, 1880.

The mother of three children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, Mrs. Hobart lived on Hobart Street, named in honor of her husband, until her death, June 17, 1904.

ELIZABETH LANSING (McALPINE) FINCH

JOHN McALPINE—PATRIOT

THE patronymic of Mrs. Finch is derived from the Alpine Hills of Scotland; her family crest is a boar's head; the clan war cry "Cuimhuich bàs Ailpein" (Remember the death of Alpine) and the clan badge "Ginthas" (Pine Tree). Despite his fierce highland ancestry, Mrs. Finch's grandfather was a sailor and owner of a mercantile vessel plying between Scotland and New Amsterdam. After many trips to the new world Captain McAlpine brought his family to live in New York, and on the voyage his son, John, was born, June 24, 1764. The transplanted McAlpines never returned to Scotland, but died in New York City and are buried in Trinity churchyard.

It seems strange that John McAlpine did not choose the navy rather than the army when old enough to bear arms, but he evidently preferred walking to sailing, for he enlisted in Captain James Wilson's Company, Colonel Graham's First Rhinebeck Regiment, Dutchess County Militia.

Peace established, young McAlpine set forth to seek his fortune in Rensselear County and evidently Providence guided him aright, for about that time, in the old Dutch Reformed Church near Schodack, he married Caroline Kilfer, a native of Rhinebeck.

They had a large family of sons and daughters. Their son, Simon, was one of the first engineers of a steamboat on the Hudson River. Their daughter, Elizabeth Lansing, was born at Schodack July 20, 1805. When she was eighteen years old the family moved to Greenbush near Albany. In this place John McAlpine died September 23, 1842. Elizabeth married James Finch January 4, 1844, and lived in Lyons, Wayne County, New York. Fifty-two years of wedded life and then Mr. Finch died, February 6, 1896.

Mrs. Finch had an ancient sword bearing the name "Lieutenant Joseph Bailey" which was captured from a Tory officer at Ver-

planck's Point, on the Hudson. One morning, as the Americans were preparing breakfast, they were surprised by a small British force. A Continental soldier, who saw the approach, concealed himself under an overturned bread trough. An English lieutenant danced on top of it and then left, whereupon the American raised it enough to aim, fire and kill the officer, whose sword he took as a trophy of war.

Until ninety-three years of age Mrs. Finch did not allow any one else to attend to her household duties. Her death occurred at her home in Lyons, N. Y., September 11, 1903.

CAROLINE (BROCKWAY) PRATT

JOHN BROCKWAY—PATRIOT

IN the old cemetery at Lyme, Connecticut, lies John Brockway, born in that ancient town October 1, 1757. When twenty years old he enlisted in the Connecticut Line and served one year and six months. Soon after enlistment he was promoted to Sergeant in Captain Hall's Company, Colonel Ledyard's Regiment. John was one of the few men to escape from Fort Griswold, and never to his dying day did he forget that awful struggle and the dastardly striking down of his gallant colonel.

The war over, the young soldier returned to Lyme, married Irene Reed, and became a farmer. Family tradition states that Mr. Brockway was attached to the staff of Governor Griswold, possibly in 1812.

August 7, 1832, the veteran applied for a pension, which, at his death, November 28, 1841, was continued to his widow.

Caroline, their daughter, born at Lyme, May 8, 1815, married Henry E. Pratt and moved to Essex, Connecticut, where she died December 3, 1900.

DELIA CLARK (MURDOCK) DOWD.

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REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—MURDOCK

SEPTEMBER 28, 1807, twin babies came to the Westbrook home of Peter and Bathsheba Murdock. The red, pugilistic atom, crying so loudly, became the Reverend Charles Elisha Murdock, while his small, quiet companion lived to enjoy the distinction of being a "True Daughter of the American Revolution."

Their father, Peter, and his twin brother, Elisha, born October 13, 1766, were sons of William Murdock, a wealthy farmer and slave owner of Westbrook, Connecticut. When they were twenty years of age, Elisha fell from a dock and was drowned. Peter, working in a cornfield distant from the shore, dropped unconscious at the moment of his brother's death.

At the outbreak of the Revolution, Peter and his brother William shipped on the privateer *John Gay*, a sloop with twelve guns and one hundred and sixty seamen, sent out by the New London colonists. Peter was cabin boy and when the sloop returned with a prize he received three hundred dollars, sharing equally in the spoils with the others of the crew and thereby causing much jealousy.

William and Peter Murdock for two years were on the *Thomas Marshall*, a privateer with a crew of one hundred and sixty men. The second trip ended at Newport, and from there Peter walked to Westbrook. There is no certainty that Peter served at Fort Griswold, although there a few days after its capture. He often spoke of the blood-soaked earth and bullet holes fired through the door at men hiding in the magazine. His brother John was seized by the British and sent to the West Indies, where, being well educated, he was employed as salaried bookkeeper.

Peter Murdock married Bathsheba (Dodge) Bush, a widow with three children, settled on a farm in Westbrook and died March 26, 1851.

May, 1831, his daughter Delia married Edwin Dowd and commenced housekeeping in Meriden, where her half brother, Fenner Bush, manufactured ivory combs. (Eventually this company was merged in the Julius Pratt Company which established the first factory of table cutlery in the United States.)

From Meriden the Dowds moved to Ohio, living in Oberlin and Elyria. Five children came to the prairie home; Edwin, Zina, Delia, Charles and Henry. Mr. Dowd moved to Illinois, stopping at Quincy, but settled in Round Prairie, now Plymouth, where he died.

Mrs. Dowd returned to Meriden and there, September 11, 1897, finished her fourscore and ten useful years of life.

REBECCA OSBORN

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—OSBORN

ELIADA OSBORN, born March 15, 1761, at Litchfield, was with his father and brother, Ethan, in the army, enlisting the spring of 1777 for six months in Captain Charles Catlin's Company. The sixteen-year-old lad was one of the guards of the British prisoners, Mayor Matthews of New York and Governor Franklin of New Jersey, on Litchfield Hill, and also personal attendant to his father, Captain John Osborn. When General Washington passed through Litchfield *en route* for New York, Osborn was one of the village escort.

May 31, 1795, Eliada married Abigail Marsh, and began housekeeping in the homestead built 1775, where their eight children, Almeda, Ethan, Myron, John, *Rebecca*, Elisha, Nathan and Eliada, were the fourth generation of Osborns to live in the house.

Mr. Osborn applied for a pension July 30, 1832, which, when he died, December 26, 1847, was continued to his widow.

Rebecca was born April 28, 1801, and after a long life, concerning which she modestly wrote, "there are no facts of interest," died at her birthplace, April 24, 1899.

ANN (TYLER) BEAUMONT

JOHN TYLER—PATRIOT

JOHN TYLER, born at Branford, Connecticut, March 31, 1760, was of a milling race. His father, George Tyler, built Tyler's Mills at Northford, his uncle William, Tyler's Mills at Yalesville, his uncle Lathrop, the original Humiston Mill and another uncle, the Quinnipiack Mills of Wallingford. John did not avail himself of a miller's exemption from military service, but enlisted, 1775, for three months in Captain Stephen Potter's Company, Colonel Hall's Regiment; February 21, 1778, in Captain Painter's Company; March 2, 1779, in Captain John Gates' Company, Colonel Mead's Regiment, and 1781, for one year in Captain Staples' Company.

It was his privilege to be one of the Boston Tea Party, and his daughter told the story of that historic night with as great gusto as her father flung the taxed tea into Boston Harbor.

One day the youth, with a small Branford company sent to protect the coast from recent British depredations, met a party of American officers. The leader, General Washington, inquired as to their errand. When told, he said, "Well, the red coats will get the little fellow if you do not take care," meaning Tyler. The soldiers proceeded on their way, routed an enemy more numerous than themselves and proudly returned to receive Washington's commendation. Tyler was also on the ship which brought back the treaty of peace between England and the Colonies.

Settling in Branford, he married Anna Rogers, November 20, 1786. Eight children were born to them, their daughter Ann's birth being July 31, 1803. In her girlhood her parents took possession of the old Tyler home in Northford, and in 1832 her father applied for a pension, which was granted. Mr. Tyler died November 5, 1837. In 1827, Ann married John Beaumont of Wallingford. Saturday morning, January 22, 1898, Mrs. Beaumont, the oldest resident of Wallingford, died in the home where she had lived seventy-one years. Eight children and ten grandchildren survived her.

NANCY (CLOES) RAY

CHARLES CLOES—PATRIOT

SONS of Erin, renowned for love of freedom, are found everywhere. Even among our Patriots was one, Charles Cloes, from Old Ireland, born August 10, 1756, near Belfast. Rumors of war fired his brave, adventurous spirit, and in 1775 he sailed for the Colonies, landed at Baltimore, and enlisted for two years in Captain Nathaniel Smith's Company, Maryland Artillery. November, 1777, he reënlisted for four years in Captain Lansdale's Company, Colonel Samuel Smith's Regiment, and participated in the battles of Monmouth, Cow Pens, Guilford Court House and Yorktown.

His fighting finished, the young Irishman drifted northward to Morrow, Northumberland County, New York, where he met his fate in the person of Hannah Whitney, whom he married in 1783, their union blessed by eleven children.

In 1809 the Cloes family moved to Penfield, now Webster, Monroe County. May 4, 1818, Mr. Cloes, a resident of Ontario County, received a pension for six years' service in the army. He returned to Webster and died September 10, 1838. Mrs. Cloes died the following year.

Their daughter, Nancy, born March 19, 1796, married Joshua Ray in 1815 and had one child, Myron. Her husband died soon after their marriage. In 1862 Mrs. Ray moved to Rochester, living with her son till his death in 1892, and then with her grandson, Emmett S. Ray.

Notwithstanding her one hundred and two years, Mrs. Ray was in good health until December 24, 1898, when, as the Christmas bells were proclaiming their glad message of Peace, she joined her loved ones, in the Heavenly Home.

Mary Everest Rockwell.

(MRS. CHARLES LEE ROCKWELL.)

The Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter of Meriden, with seventeen names of "True Daughters" on the membership rolls, is the banner chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Three of these interesting links between to-day and Revolutionary times are still living (December, 1904).

Wadsworth Chapter

MIDDLETOWN

Daughters of	Patriots
ABIGAIL (FOOTE) LOOMIS	NATHANIEL FOOTE
EMILIA ADALINE (CLARK) WATROUS	DAVID CLARK ELIJAH CLARK DANIEL CLARK
LAURA ANN (MARKHAM) SKINNER	JOHN MARKHAM —Sergeant
MARY JANE DEMING	EDMUND DEMING
MARY (McLEAN) WYLLYS	JAMES MCLEAN —Captain

ABIGAIL (FOOTE) LOOMIS.

(From a photograph taken when Mrs. Loomis was ninety-nine years and five months old. Mrs. Loomis lived nearly one hundred and one years. Her family consisted of seven children, fifteen grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.)

ABIGAIL (FOOTE) LOOMIS

NATHANIEL FOOTE—PATRIOT

MRS. ABIGAIL (FOOTE) LOOMIS joined the Wadsworth Chapter on November 4, 1897, when ninety-nine years old. She had lived in the lifetime of every President of this country, having been born before the death of Washington, and her memory of the events of her early life extended with clearness back to the time of John Adams, second President.

She was born June 26, 1798, in Westchester Parish, Colchester, Conn., and was the daughter of Nathaniel Foote and of Abigail, his wife. She was sixth in descent from Nathaniel Foote, 1st, who was one of the first settlers of Wethersfield, Conn. Another ancestor of Mrs. Abigail (Foote) Loomis was Thomas Kimberly,* who with Mr. Davenport, Mr. Eaton and other gentlemen of good fortune, were the founders of New Haven.

Her father, Nathaniel Foote, served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was at the battle of White Plains,—"I often heard him speak of being there," said Mrs. Loomis,—and he was afterwards at New London "in the Service" when the town was attacked. He was also a Minute Man.

He was drafted at two different times, and scores of people remember seeing Nathaniel Foote's old Revolutionary musket which hung over the mantel and was looked upon as a very rare relic. His papers of discharge from the service were sent to Washington, D. C., and were never returned, and were supposed to have been burned in the Government Building when the British troops were in occupation in 1814. Because of this he received no pension.

Nathaniel Foote, *the patriot*, was the son of Nathaniel and Patience (Gates) Foote. He was born February 7, 1742, in Westchester Parish, Colchester, New London County, Conn. He married first, March 28, 1769, Jerusha Cadwell, born December, 1747 (daughter

* For Thomas Kimberly's family see page 11.

of John Cadwell); she died December 30, 1777, ae. thirty years. One child was born to him by his first marriage, namely:

HULDAH, b. Dec. 15, 1769, in Westchester, Conn.; m. June 18, 1789, Oliver Usher (b. Dec. 15, 1769, son of Dr. Robert and Susanna (Gates) Usher); d. Sept. 21, 1701.

Nathaniel Foote, *the patriot*, married second, July 16, 1778, Patience Skinner (born April 20, 1755, daughter of Richard and Patience (Rowley) Skinner); she died March 12, 1790, in her thirty-fifth year.

The children by his second wife, Patience Skinner, were:

NATHANIEL, b. June 8, 1779, in Westchester, Conn.; unmarried; d. Dec. 30, 1799, in New York City. At his death was lost the family appellative, which had been used for seven generations without interruption.

JERUSHA, b. April 3, 1781, in Westchester, Conn.; m. ——— ———, her cousin, Stephen Skinner (son of Stephen and Mary (Foote) Skinner). They resided in Canada.

PATIENCE, b. Feb. 1, 1783, in Westchester, Conn.; m. Oct. 31, 1799, William Brainerd of Westchester, Conn.

ASA, b. Jan. 31, 1785, in Westchester, Conn.; m. 1st, Sept. 8, 1811, Betsey Gates of Warren, Herkimer Co., N. Y. (b. Sept. 10, 1792; d. Oct. 14, 1832); m. 2d, Esther Ferry of Sherburne, N. Y. (b. June 18, 1788; d. Jan. 21, 1845, æ. 57 years); m. 3d, July 12, 1845, Christina Brisban of Sherburne, N. Y., b. Jan. 9, 1791 (dau. of John and Vashti Speor). She died March 21, 1872, æ. 81 years. He died July 4, 1859, æ. 73 years.

LUCINDA, b. April 24, 1788; m. Amasa Skinner, her cousin (son of Stephen and Mary (Foote) Skinner, and brother of Jerusha's husband).

ABSALOM, b. March 1, 1790, in Westchester, Conn.; d. March 1, 1790.

Nathaniel Foote married third, January 31, 1791, in Colchester, Conn., Abigail Foote, his cousin (daughter of Israel and Elizabeth (Kimberly) Foote).

The children by his third wife, Abigail (Foote) Foote, all born in Westchester, Conn., were:

HULDAH, b. Dec. 4, 1791; m. Mar. 29, 1824, Amaziah Brainerd, brother of Patience Foote's husband; he died April 1, 1841, æ. 60 years 9 months.

ISRAEL, b. May 29, 1794; m. Oct. 13, 1819, Lucy Brainerd (dau. of Bezaleel and Lydia (Deming) Brainerd) of East Haddam, Conn. She died Feb. 24, 1853. He m. 2d, Feb. 12, 1854, Clarissa Ely.

DAVID, b. April 22, 1796; m. May 28, 1828, Dorothy Shattuck.

Abigail, b. June 26, 1798; m. Alfred Isham Loomis, April 6, 1826.

Nathaniel Foote, patriot, died in Colchester, January 22, 1829, aged eighty-seven years. Abigail (Foote) Foote, his wife, died January 2, 1852. Her name has been given to five successive generations.

Abigail Foote, the patriot's daughter, and his eleventh and youngest child, received her education in the public schools of her native place and at Bacon Academy. In 1826 she was married to Alfred Isham Loomis and her entire married life of fifty-six years was spent in the old homestead, where she went as a bride. This homestead has been handed down from father to son since the settlement of the town two hundred years ago. In 1876 Mr. and Mrs. Loomis celebrated their golden wedding. After her husband's death Mrs. Loomis made her home with her daughter.*

Alfred Isham Loomis and Abigail (Foote) Loomis, his wife, had seven children, fifteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren, as follows:

Abigail Foote, b. Feb. 11, 1827; m. Chas. E. Brownell, Moodus, Conn., Nov. 25, 1852; five children:

George Loomis Brownell, b. July 13, 1854; m. Sept. 8, 1881, Elizabeth M. Reed (b. Nov. 6, 1854, dau. of Joel S. and Seraphina Haynes Everett, missionaries to Turkey, and, upon the death of both parents in her infancy, adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Reed of Brookfield, Mass.) Their children are:

Leroy, b. July 27, 1886; d. Oct. 21, 1901.

Carl Reed, b. Nov. 21, 1889.

Edward Cole Brownell, b. Jan. 27, 1856; m. Aug. 23, 1882, Leila J. Alexander (b. Mar. 14, 1859). Their children are:

Edward A., b. Jan. 11, 1885.

Abigail Foote, b. June 20, 1888.

Sylvia Judd, b. June 8, 1893

Charles Howe Brownell, b. July 7, 1859; m. Nov. 24, 1885, Annie Wentz (b. June 1, 1864). Their children are:

Helen, b. June 22, 1889; d. June 22, 1889.

Roger Wentz, b. Nov. 5, 1892.

Margaret, b. May 22, 1894; d. Mar. 10, 1895.

Mary Hammond Brownell, b. April 15, 1861; d. 1862, ae. 10 months.

Abigail Foote Brownell, b. July 13, 1863; d. April, 1879.

Alfred Isham, b. Nov. 2, 1827; d. April 21, 1866.

Jane Clarissa, b. July 31, 1832; m. Philo Bevin April 9, 1863; no children.

George Champion, b. Jan. 30, 1835; d. Jan. 30, 1847.

* Mrs. Philo Bevin of East Hampton, Conn.

Emily Harvey, b. Mar. 20, 1837; m. Edward A. Bliss, April 4, 1861; four children:

Edward Milton Bliss, b. Jan. 6, 1863; m. Nov. 14, 1901, Ada Richards of Pittsburg, Penn.

Alfred Loomis Bliss, b. Aug. 17, 1866; m. June 18, 1902, Frances Lincoln Smith of Arlington, Mass.

Jennie Louise Bliss, b. June 11, 1871; d. Jan. 9, 1884.

Helen Augusta Bliss, b. Sept. 22, 1872; m. Jan. 14, 1903, Cushman Hartley Case, of Suffield, Conn.

Israel Foote, b. Nov. 8, 1839; m. Elizabeth McFadden, Nov. 8, 1866; three children:

Alfred Israel, b. Jan. 10, 1868; d. 1893.

Charles Brownell, b. Nov. 3, 1869.

Mary Abigail, b. Aug. 28, 1871; m. John MacDonald; eight children.

Milton Lathrop, b. July 16, 1842; m. S. Emeline Tracy, Nov. 11, 1869; three children:

George Tracy, b. July 17, 1871; m. Gladys Jones of Hebron, Conn.; one child, namely, Emeline Tracy, b. 1898.

John Robbins, b. Aug. 23, 1873.

Caroline Buell, b. May 23, 1882.

Mr. Loomis died in 1882 in the same year in which his youngest grandchild was born. Mrs. Loomis survived him seventeen years and lived to see many great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Loomis was a member of the Congregational Church at Westchester, Conn., from the time she was twenty-six years old, and for seventy-four years her life was lived in full accord with the vows she then made. It was the custom in those early days for young people of studious habits to commit to memory choice selections from the English poets. Being favored with a retentive memory, Mrs. Loomis, when one hundred years old, could repeat many of those poems with perfect accuracy. The Bible was her constant companion and was read through at least once every year, and her motto for life was "Always rejoicing."

Mrs. Loomis was born before the days of stoves, when the fireplace was the only means of heating the house; before steam and electricity were dreamed of,—when men rode on horseback with the women on pillions behind them; before the day of factories,—when maidens wove their own wool and flax on hand looms. Her children have woolen and linen made by Mrs. Loomis and her mother, when Mrs. Loomis was a girl sixteen years of age.

Abigail (Foote) Loomis was the youngest of eleven children. Many of the family lived to a good old age, but she alone reached the century mark. In November, 1897, she sat down to her one-hundredth Thanksgiving dinner, aged ninety-nine years and five months, using at that dinner a gold spoon, the gift of the National Society. The next year, when she was one hundred years old,

ABIGAIL (FOOTE) LOOMIS.

(From a photograph taken on her one hundredth birthday. The one hundred roses were a gift from Wadsworth Chapter)

she received a gift of one hundred roses from Wadsworth Chapter, as well as visits and congratulations from many friends. The following year, June 6, 1899, she passed gently away from earth, "just faded into immortality, a glad and joyous going home," only lacking twenty days of completing one hundred and one years of age. Four of her seven children, twelve of her fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive her. Hers was

"An old age serene and bright
And lovely as a Lapland night."—*Wordsworth.*

Kate L. Elmer.
(MRS. WM. T. ELMER.
Jane C. Loomis Bevin.
(MRS. PHILO BEVIN.)
Israel Foote Loomis.

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Authority: Family tradition and Connecticut Men in the Revolution.

EUNICE (GRIFFITH) CLARK,
The second wife of David Clark, Patriot.
(From a portrait in oil painted when Mrs. Clark was twenty-two years old.)

EMILIA ADALINE (CLARK) WATROUS

REPRESENTING PATRIOT FAMILY—CLARK

MRS. EMILIA ADALINE (CLARK) WATROUS, who died at her home in East Hampton, Conn., on August 13, 1901, at the age of ninety-nine years and seven months, became a member of the Wadsworth Chapter of Middletown when nearly ninety-four years of age.

Her father, David Clark, served in the Revolution as a teamster, taking the place of his brother Elijah, who died in the service. David Clark's exact age when he entered the army is not known, but he was probably about twenty years old. Mrs. Watrous distinctly remembers hearing him tell of the many hardships encountered by him and his companions while serving their country; she had a vivid recollection of his recital of their manner of preparing their resting places for the night, and of how they often made their couches of fragrant hemlock boughs. David Clark had a pension from 1832 until his death in 1839.

David Clark was the son of Deacon John Clark of Chatham, East Hampton, Conn. Three of Deacon Clark's sons served in the war, Elijah, Daniel and David, letters from each of whom written during the war, and from various camps, have been preserved by their descendants.*

These letters are all addressed to Deacon John Clark, and open in the formal manner of the time usually as follows: Honored father and mother: After my duty to you, to grandmother and to uncle, and love to all my brothers and sisters, I write to inform you, etc.

The penmanship is that of well educated young men who have been also trained to express themselves in writing clearly and forcibly. There is a lack of punctuation marks, and frequently sen-

* These letters are now in the possession of Edwin D. Barton, Esq., of East Hampton, a grand-nephew of the patriot and soldier, David Clark.

tences begin with small letters. In copying the letters for this sketch, these defects have been remedied simply to make them easier to read. The old time spelling is retained, also the generous use of capitals, where now we use small letters. Only the letters are given which refer to the war. The time covered in these letters is nearly three years, the earliest date being November 8, 1775, and the latest August 3, 1778. The earliest letters have reference to the campaign about Boston, the chief events referred to being the fortification of Dorchester heights by the Americans, and the evacuation of Boston by the British (March 17, 1776).

ROXBURY, Nov. 8, 1775.

Honored Father and Mother:

Notwithstanding all the talk of staying Another Month, I Believe we shall be Dismissed by the Last of this Month. You Say you Meant to go to Woodbury this week, but if by any means you should not go I would have you Send my Deed to me if you have any opportunity So that I may go to Cohoes when my time is out, if I think that it will do for me, but that is Uncertain. . .

Your Dutiful Son

DANIEL CLARK.

BROOKLINE, March ye 5th AD 1776.

Honored Parents:—I have Abundant Reason to Bless the Name of God for this opportunity of writing to you to let you Know how I do. You must Needs think that I am something Tired and Beat out for Last Night I went on upon Dorchester to work and we have got Fortified upon the Hill and otherwhere [else where?] [which is] most Amazing considering what time we had. Our men are Still upon the Hill. I came off this morning and am going on at one o'clock to Night again. Our going on this Hill is one of the gratest [greatest] aventures that ever we have done.

Last Saturday night the Segue [Siege] Begun and Since then there has been but Little Cesation of firing tho to but Very little purpus [purpose] for there has Been but three men killed as I have heard of.

By these things as well as others We plainly See that God is on our Side and we Need not fear what Men Can do unto us, &c. My convenancies [conveniences] of writing are very poor and I Can give you but A very imperfect account of Afairs [affairs]. I have seen prince Moseley and Philo Clark and they are well &c.

There is a company Come into the House and my Head is confused. I must Leave off Abruptly and Conclude by Subscribing Myself.

Your Dutiful Son

DAVID CLARK.

P. S.

Stephen Clark is well and Come on to Dorchester in A party that Relieved me this morning and I am going on to Night to Relieve him.

ROXBURY March 21st AD 1776.

Dear Parents:—

I Received yours of the 13th instant which I re[a]d with pleasure And I must Inform you that I have been poorly but am in Hopes that I shall get Hearty Again Soon. Last Sabbath the Enemy Marched out of Boston And our men went in and Took possession of the town which they hold yet and the Night before last the Regulars burnt the block house on the Castle and the ship[p]ing are about all gone from it. So we expect to march Away Soon to what place we Know not.

You wanted to know how we faired [fared] About Sauce and other provisions. We have meat and bread enough. As for Sauce we have not drawed [drawn?] any this fort night past. But we can make out well enough Now for there is Sauce Comes to market. We Are about 4 miles from Dorchester and the duty has been So that they go on One day and Night and of[f] another. Please to remember My regards to all my friends. So no more at present. I remain your Dutiful Son till Death. Farewel[l]

ELIJAH CLARK.

P.S.

The Post says he Brought things for me but left them at Colchester. It was so bad traviling he could Not bring them. I saw Daniel and Brother Judd yesterday and they are well.

BROOKLINE April 5th 1776.

To Deacon Clark at East Hampton Sir:

I take this opportunity to acquaint you of the Illness of your Son Daniel. He Has the mumps. I Expected he would Be able to Set out for home By this time and got a Beath (?) [beast?] for him to ride but he is not able. There seems to be a relapse of his fever. Pain in the head & Diziness. . .

Acute fever may Set in & [he] remain Ill for sometime. My Bisiness [business] is Such that I Cant Stay But a few Days Longer. Therefore think fit if you Can Come, take the Care and help him

home when able. He is at Deacon Gardner's Brookline a good Place convena[ie]nt, and all proper care taken of him. There are Several Sick here. I Shant go till I Engage Some Doctor that is faithfull to See [to] them. This I write unbeknown to him and with respect to you Sir, I Remain your friend and wellwisher

ROBERT USHER.

Later the writers are in camp near New York and references are made to the great events of the campaign here, namely the battles of Long Island (August 27, 1776) and White Plains (October 28, 1776); the places from which the letters are written, New York, North Castle, Phillipsborough, being the different places of encampment of the army as it moved about, pursued by General Howe during the autumn of 1776, just as described in any history of the American Revolution.

After the capture of New York by the British, and after Washington's skilfully planned retreats which saved his army from defeat, Washington "concentrated his whole army at White Plains." On October 28 occurred the battle of White Plains. Three days later, "Washington fell back on North Castle, where he took a position so strong that it was useless to think of assailing him."*

NEW YORK August ye 20th AD 1776

Honored Parents. I Welcome this opportunity of writing to you to inform you of my wellfare and Enquire after yours and these may serve to inform you that I have Recovered my health Almost to Perfection for which I have Abundant Reason to Bless God, for his goodness and mercy has Been great towards me and I hope by the Same indulgent providence that these Lines may find you all enjoying the Same Blessings. I am to inform you that I Receive your Letter of ye 11th instant and am thankfull for the same and for the things you have Sent tho I have not yet got them nor do I know how many things you have Sent for I have not had opportunity to do any Business with Captain Griffin since he came in which was yesterday. I have seen Brother Peter Parker Several times Since he came on with the Militia. I have also seen Elijah yesterday and he is in the Hospital Something poorly but I hope it is Nothing but A bad cold. Daniel Churchel

* John Fiske, The American Revolution, Vol. I, p. 228.

has been sick but is getting better. Nathaniel White has Been Sick but is getting better. It is Something of a Sickly time in the Army, but I hope the Pestilence is something as[s]uaged. Yesterday as I went to attend the funeral of Gideon Cook (who died yesterday morning) I saw four of my fellow Creatures Laid in the Grave, and going to the House of all the Living.

I have Nothing Special to write only that the ships that were up the North River are gone down and Received no great Damage as the wind was fair and the tide with them. This minute there is A flag of truce come up and our men sent one to meet them but they did not stay together any.

There are many things that I should be glad to write to you but time will not admit of it So I Conclude by Desiring the Continuance of your favor & subscribe myself

Your Dutiful Son

DANIEL CLARK

Augst 21st. Last Evening I received another of your letters giving me an Account of what you Sent me. I also went on bord [board] Cpt. Griffin and Received the Barel [barrel] and Bag and am very thankfull for the Contents they being Such things as I Stand in great Need of &c. I heard last night that Elijah was Better.

NORTH CASTLE November ye 6th 1776

Dear Parents: once more I take my pen in hand to inform you of my condition at present. The 23rd of Last month I Left my Quarters in the Jarseys and Joined the Ridgment [regiment] at White plains and that night the Brigade was Removed to another place in White Plains and Since that we have Removed our Encampment twice and are now at North Castle and I am in A Comfortable State of health for which I have abundant Reason to Bless God for in all my Campaigns I have never faired [fared] Near So hard as since I Joined the Ridgment.

I have not heard anything about Elijah Since Sargt Norton was there and I feel concerned About him but all the good any of us can do him at present is to Recommend him to the protection of Almighty God. However I hope we shall Both Return in Due time and find all friends well. Send me A Letter the first opportunity & Let me know how you do. Time will not Admit me to write any more So I Subscribe your Dutifull Son.

DANIEL CLARK.

Philips Borough November 13th 1776

Honored Parents The Post has this minit (minute) Come into our Camps from Colonel Willises Ridgment and is in Such A hurry that I Should not have written at this time had it not A Been that he Brought to my Ears the S—— and melancholy news of the Death of Your dear Son and my Beloved Brother Elijah Clark. May this Dispensation of Devine Providence be Sanctified to us all for our Eternal good and in a Special man[n]er to me who am not only his effectionate and Natural Brother but a fel[l]ow Soldier and a Brother in Sickness, trouble and Danger but now by the goodness of god have the perfect Enjoyment of my Health, and may god of his Mercy grant that these Lines may find all of you enjoying the Same Blessing and will prepare you to Receive Such lines as these and hear the he[a]vy News of the Death of the Deseast [Deceased]. Except these Uncorrected Lines from the trembling hand of your Dutiful Son.

Dall Clark.

P.S. I desire the Continuence of your prayers to God for me.

The last letters are dated 1778. In the meantime the campaigns around Philadelphia and the battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, have occurred "and Washington seeing that it was useless to further molest Clinton's retreat marched straight for the Hudson River, and on the 20th of July encamped at White Plains, while his adversary took refuge in New York. The opposing armies occupied the same ground as in 1776. But the Americans were now the aggressive party."*

Fort Arnold June 9, 1778

Hond Father and Mother;

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I have not any News of importance to Communicate to you only we are Under Marching Orders and Expect Soon to Leave This post and when we shall go I know not nor care. I have inlisted three men for during the war and should be Glad Somebody would take the Advantage of Hiring them for only 40£ Apiece. I have Wrote to my wife to hurry herself About my Shirts which I would not have her doo for I have drawn one and I have one more So that I am very Comfortable on that Account. I only want some Stock &c. I am at present in Considerable of A Ruffle of Spirits—the Reason we have been drawing our Cloaths which were kept in

* John Fiske, The American Revolution, Vol. II, p. 72.

the possession of the officers Long Enough for them to Pick out the Best of the Shoes and Frocks and Laid them by for them[selves] and Favorites. A Lieut. in our Company was Seen to take 4 or 5 pairs of Shoes for himself which he delivered to Some of the Farmington Men as Occation (Occasion) Requires. There was Some Very Genteel Frocks and they was all Laid by and Sergt. Coe would not Receive Such as was presented for us and after we had taken Such as was [offered] then afterward Lt — —— sent for him and Gave him one of the Good Ones. * * *

Several things Have turned up very disagreeable Since I left home but they are all unbeknown to Capt. Champion. I mean to apply for Redress and if I Cant Get it I Mean to Hire a Man in my Room if it costs me 200£ for I will not be [illegible] by Lt. —— —— The Capt. will soon take command of the Company and I expect an alteration then— I will thank you not to communicate the Least Complaint for it would be Very disagreeable to my wife to think that I am uneasy. I am not sick of the Service but affrunted [?] with my Lt. —— which perhaps I may Get Over I have the happiness to inform you that I have been interrupted this moment by an Express from Capt. Champion Requesting me to send my Frock and Shoes to him &c.— I have the Return which is Very Good and Suits me Well. The Capt. is my friend . . . I mistake, if 'twas not for him I should be unhappy

Brother Ephraim Sends Love to you all.

Be pleased to Give my duty to my Grandmother & Uncle Usher and Love to Brothers & Sisters & all Friends.

I desire you to Write every opportunity & conclude subscribing myself

Your Obedient Son and Very Humd Servt.

Daxll Judd Jun.

P.S. the paper is Mortal poor.

Camp White Plains
Augt. 3rd 1778

Hond Father & Mother:

I will Say but A Little about the State of afairs [affairs] for I Cannot tell by the Movements what will or what they mean to have done but thus much is true All his Excellency's Army (except Genll. Arnold's Division which was left at Philadelphia) is Arived here and we are making Daily Advances On the Enemy by a Large Detached party which is Reinforced Every Day — Enemy's disar tions [desertions] are very frequent the Avaredge [average] is Computed at 8 pr. day which say they are all very much dishearted

and would make their Escape if possible. There are many Inhabitants near the Lines which have A Large bounty for taking up Disarters [deserters] from them and many Get Nabbed Coming out to us &c. Be pleased to give my duty to grandmother and uncle Moses. Love to Brothers & Sisters & Compliments to Inquiring friends I am your most obedient Son & very Humble servt.

DANIEL JUDD, JUN.

HOME OF DEACON JOHN CLARK, 2D.

Built in 1730. The birth-place of PATRIOTS David, Elijah and Daniel Clark. Located on Clark's Hill, East Hampton Society, town of Chatham.

Deacon John Clark, 2d, lived on the homestead of his father, John Clark, 1st, and kept the house as a tavern on the old bridle path from Providence to Middletown. The tavern sign is still in existence. David Clark kept it as a public house after the death of his father.

David Clark was born May 23, 1760; he married first Jerusha Hall, September 19, 1782, who died August 24, 1800; he married second Eunice Griffith, November 14, 1801, who died July 27, 1811; he married third Mehitable Hubbard, May 2, 1813, who died November 26, 1854.

The children of David Clark and Jerusha (Hall) Clark, his first wife, were:

ELIJAH, b. Jan. 28, 1784; m. Polly Hubbard, June 24, 1819; d. Dec. 15, 1871.
CHAUNCEY, b. Jan. 10, 1789; m. Zilpah Griffith, Nov. 20, 1813; d. Aug. 10, 1850.

The children of David Clark and Eunice (Griffith) Clark, his second wife, were:

DEBORAH, b. Nov. 3, 1802; m. Hubbard Barton, Dec. 6, 1821; d. April 22, 1884.
Emilia, b. Jan. 7, 1805; m. Monories Watrous, Sept. 10, 1826; d. Aug. 13, 1901.
JERUSHA, b. Dec. 1, 1807; m. Lewis Utley, May 20, 1828; d. Dec. 20, 1842.

David Clark by his third wife, Mehitable (Hubbard) Clark, had one daughter, namely:

MARY ESTHER, b. Jan. 27, 1814; m. William Bailey, Feb. 19, 1834; d. Sept. 17, 1889.

David Clark the patriot died January 8, 1839.

David Clark was the first Master Mason in the town of Chatham, and for a time his dwelling house served as Masonic headquarters. This fact made Mrs. Watrous eligible for membership in the order of The Eastern Star, and, at the age of ninety-four, she became a member of that organization. She afterwards made a bed-quilt composed of several hundred pieces which she presented to the Masonic Home at Wallingford, Conn., where it is highly valued as the handiwork of an aged woman, and also because in its design and finish it can be called a work of art.

After she had attained the age of ninety years, Mrs. Watrous became much interested in the Temporary Home for dependent children at Haddam, and to this institution she contributed her strength and skill in the shape of pretty cloth dolls for the little ones, which were a source of much happiness to them.

Her skill at embroidery, even in her extreme old age, was remarkable; and in the art of making button-holes she was an adept. In the early years of her married life, she spun and wove all the material necessary to clothe her family of four children. Mrs. Watrous was only six years of age at the time of her mother's

death, and she considered herself very fortunate in her stepmother, attributing much of her skill with the needle to her stepmother's careful training and painstaking teaching.

Mrs. Watrous and her husband joined the First Congregational Church in East Hampton on July 5, 1846, and throughout her long life, she daily exemplified the Christian religion which she had professed. Her intellect remained unimpaired to the last, never at any time showing signs of weakening through her long illness, which extended over a period of seven months, and during which she was attended by the loving ministry of all her children. Emilia Adaline (Clark) Watrous died August 13, 1901, aged ninety-six years and seven months. "She rests from her labors, and her works do follow her."

All of her four children survive her, namely: Mrs. Eunice Griffith Adams, Deacon John Watrous, Miss Mary Jane Watrous and Clark Monories Watrous.

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Mrs. Watrous' daughter, Mrs. Adams, has a handsomely decorated plate, which is about two hundred years old, and which belonged to David Clark, the Revolutionary soldier; also a valuable oil painting (over one hundred years old) of Mrs. Watrous' own mother, Eunice Griffith (wife of the patriot, David Clark), which is a fine portrait of a beautiful woman. See illustration, p. 352.

LAURA ANN (MARKHAM) SKINNER

JOHN MARKHAM—PATRIOT

MRS. LAURA ANN (MARKHAM) SKINNER became a member of the Wadsworth Chapter October 25, 1898. She was born October 25, 1813, in Middle Haddam, town of Chatham, Conn. She was the daughter of John Markham, and of his wife, Anna Esterbrook Niles.

John Markham was born in 1756. He served under two enlistments, holding the office of sergeant. On the first call for troops by the Connecticut legislature, John Markham enlisted May 8, 1775, and served in the Second Regiment, commanded by General Spencer. He was discharged December 18, of the same year.

In the spring of 1777, as the recruiting for the Continental Line progressed slowly, Washington, in March, urged Governor Trumbull to send a body of militia to serve for six weeks in the vicinity of Peekskill. Three regiments, composed of detachments from the militia regiments, were accordingly ordered forth, and were placed under the command of

General Erastus Wolcott
Sixth Militia Regiment
Colonel Belden
Sergeant John Markham.

John Markham received his discharge May 19, 1777.

John Markham, the patriot, often referred to his experiences during the war, two of which his daughter recalled. One concerned his presence at the capture of Burgoyne; the other, his hiding in a swamp for three days in company with other soldiers, when they were pursued by the enemy, their only food being a hard shell squash. The gun which he carried during his Revolutionary service is now in the possession of his great-great-grandson.* John Mark-

*Ambrose Markham Starr of East Hampton.

ham was a pensioner on the list of 1840. With his first pension money he purchased a set of china, which is now the property of his granddaughter.

The children of John Markham and of his first wife, whose family name was Smith, were: John, Hiram, Betsy, Asenath.

The children of John Markham by his second wife, Anna (Niles) Markham, were: Ambrose and Laura (twins), who were born October 25, 1813; Laura Markham married Samuel Skinner, October 6, 1841.

John Markham the patriot died April 15, 1852, aged ninety-six years.

Mrs. Skinner united with the First Congregational Church in East Hampton September, 1842, and occupied a large place in its work. Having no children, she opened her home to several young people, one or more at a time, and the poor of her neighborhood found in her a friend. For many years it had been her custom to knit mittens for Christmas gifts for needy children in the town, and until a few months previous to her death her busy hands were employed in this way.

Mrs. Skinner kept in touch with the questions of the day, and did not hesitate to express her opinions. She possessed an unusually active mind, a quick wit and a strong sense of the humorous, and her gift in repartee was remarkable; she was unusually frank and straightforward in her dealing, characteristics which she inherited from her father. In the days when she was able to mingle in the social life of the town, her presence was always a mental stimulus to those with whom she came in contact.

Mrs. Skinner died at her home in East Hampton, March 6, 1902.

Kate L. Elmer.
(MRS. WM. T. ELMER)
Elizabeth H. Bevin.
(MRS. WM. H. BEVIN.)

MARY JANE DEMING

EDMUND DEMING—PATRIOT

MARY JANE DEMING.

MISS MARY JANE DEMING of East Haddam, Conn., became a member of the Wadsworth Chapter of Middletown on May 10, 1898, when ninety-one years old. She was born in Hebron, Conn., April 6, 1807.

Her father, Edmund Deming, was born in 1759. He was a native of Andover, Conn., and died there August 7, 1829, at the age of about seventy years. Her mother, Bethiah Clay, was a sister of Captain Stephen Clay, who was at one time prominent in Middletown, and an active member of the Episcopal Church there. Stephen Clay died in 1809, leaving several thousand dollars to the church. Bethiah Clay was twice married, Edmund Deming being her second husband.

Edmund Deming's* name is on the Lexington Alarm list (1775); and he was also at the battle of Bunker Hill. He served under Gen. Putnam in the Third Regiment, Sixth Company, marching in May to the camps forming around Boston. During the siege and until the expiration of his service this regiment was stationed at Cambridge.

Mary Jane Deming was named for her grandmother, Jane Jessey, and for her great aunt, Mary Jessey, residents of Portland, Conn. Mary Jessey, it is believed, was stolen by the Indians, and the following story has been handed down. Three sisters, Jane, Mary, and Kate Jessey, wandered from home, gathering wild flowers. Jane did not feel well, and returned home, leaving the others. When night came the two missing sisters were looked for in vain. After a prolonged search, Kate was found dead in the hollow trunk of a tree where she had probably hidden from the Indians, but Mary never was heard from.

When Mary Deming was quite young, the family resided in Colchester, Conn., and for eight years Mary attended the Bacon Academy there. The remainder of her life up to 1893 was spent in Middletown, where her mother died in 1854, at the age of ninety-three years. Her eyesight failing in 1891, Miss Deming gave up her housekeeping cares and removed to East Haddam, to be with her relatives, who by their devoted care made her last days happy. Miss Deming united with the First Church of Christ, or the North Congregational Church, at Middletown more than fifty years ago, when Rev. John Crane was the pastor.

Miss Deming was a very interesting woman, sympathetic, fond of her friends and very patient with her blindness. Her memory was remarkable, and she was interested in the news of the day up to the time of her death. She died in East Haddam December 2, 1899.

Kate L. Elmer.
(MRS. WM. T. ELMER.)
Julia M. Woodward.

Authority: Connecticut Men in the Revolution.
Miss Deming's entrance papers to the Wadsworth Chapter.
Family traditions.

* Edmund Deming, whose name sometimes appears as Edward Damon, received a pension.

MARY (McLEAN) WYLLYS

JAMES McLEAN—PATRIOT

MRS. MARY (McLEAN) WYLLYS was born in Glastonbury, Conn., in 1804, and is the daughter of James McLean and of his wife, Abigail Strickland.

James McLean was born in Branford, Conn., in 1755, and died in East Glastonbury in 1846. He first served as a private and afterward was made captain of the militia. He heard the news of the battle of Bunker Hill early one morning, and began immediately to make preparations for going to the war; first he took his musket to the gun shop to be repaired, then he went to the next town and had leather shoes made for marching, and with shoes and gun returned to his home in the evening. The next morning at two o'clock, he started on foot for Boston. At Springfield, Mass., he met other volunteers from Connecticut, and joining them, he continued his journey to Boston, where they were all placed under the command of General Putnam. Later in the war he was with General Washington at Valley Forge, but most of the time until the close of the war he was on the sea.

James McLean was twice a prisoner, both times on the ocean. The first time was shortly after the battle of Bunker Hill, when he was made prisoner by the *Glasgow*. He was taken to the West Indies, and when the ship was about three miles from Jamaica he made his escape by swimming towards shore in the shadow cast in the bright moonlight by the ship's mast. A fellow prisoner, named French, escaped with him. At Kingston, a woman named McPherson hid them for six weeks until she found a ship sailing for Cuba. From Cuba they found a vessel going to Savannah; from Savannah they walked back to Connecticut. He was a prisoner the second time on a prison ship in New York harbor and used to be ordered to swim to the English ships to get powder and ammunition.

When Mr. McLean was taken prisoner, the English officer in charge was asked by a scornful woman, "Have you got all the Yankees?" McLean stepped from the ranks of the prisoners and thundered "No, there are enough left to take care of Burgoyne." Burgoyne had just surrendered.

Mary McLean Wyllys, the patriot's daughter, was born in 1804, and was married in 1824. She died in January, 1904, having lived one hundred years, in a house purchased by her father and built before the Revolutionary War. She joined Wadsworth Chapter April 14, 1896, aged ninety-two, and was presented with a gold spoon, the official souvenir from the National Society. Owing to the kind efforts of Connecticut congressmen, she has quite recently been granted a pension which makes her declining years comfortable.

Kate L. Elmer.

(MRS. WM. T. ELMER.)

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